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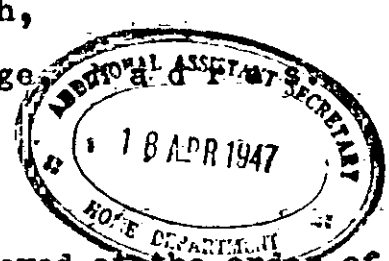
[Despatch Abstract.]

To

The Hon'ble Srimathi Rukmine Lakshmipathy,

Minister for Health,

Fort St. Geroge.



Dear Madam,

Being highly aggrieved at the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, approving of the site T.S.No.168 in the accompanying plan for the erection of a Cinema, we beg to bring to your notice the following facts trusting to receive a sympathetic hearing.

T.S.No.168 is situated in a purely residential area and is between the Government Training School for Women, the Mahila Sabha and the Glenview Maternity Nursing Home. All the three Institutions sent protests to the Commissioner as soon as they heard that an application was made for approval of the said Cinema site. Objection petitions were also sent by the parents of girls attending the Women's Training School, parents of boys attending St. Aloysius' College and by the neighbouring residents. We heard that the Superintendent of the Women's Training School, the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the Rector of St. Aloysius' College and the Basel Mission Colony also sent in their protests to the Commissioner. We were shocked to find that all the petitions were ignored and the Commissio-

have hither-to enjoyed in going up and down the St. Aloysius' College road to the Mahila Sabha, Nursing Home and Ladies' Club. It will also hinder them from going for fresh air to the tip of the Light House Hill which is the only open space in the heart of the Town where convalescent women and children have hither-to resorted to freely.

The Training School is separated from T.S.No.168 only by a road. The Cinema will be a constant source of distraction to the little children in the Women's Training School and a source of nuisance and danger to the grown-up students. There will be absolutely no privacy in the school compound with a Cinema next door Up to now all classes of girls have been going to and from school unattended but with undesirable people who inevitable loiter round a Cinema, parents will find it impossible to send their girls unescorted.

The Mahila Sabha also is separated from T.S.No.168 only by a road. The chief object of the Mahila Sabha is the uplift and education of women and young girls who have no other facilities for education. The building has also come to be used as the chief centre of the I.W.C.C. Its vast grounds attract ladiesin the evenings for out-door games also. A Cinema facing this building will deprive it of all privacy. Ladies will not use it as freely as heretofore if the only road by which they can get there becomes the frontage of a Cinema with the

14. H.C.D'Souza, M.B.B.S., D.G.O.
15. K.Suvasini Poojary (Dwaraka).
16. M.Nalini Bai, B.A., (Dwaraka)
17. U.C.S.Bhat, B.A.,B.L.,ex-M.L.C.Dwaraka, Mangalore.
18. M.Venkatesh Pai, Banker, Mangalore.
19. K.P.Seshagiri Prabhu, Landholder & Banker, Karkal and Mangalore.
20. E.Soans, Vice-President, Bhagini Samaj
21. K.P.Ponnappa, Vice-President, Mahila Sabha.
22. M. Burchhaerdt, President, Y.W.C.A.
23. H. Rodrigues, Coffee & Cardamom Planter.
24. K. Rajalakshmi Achar.
25. A.C.Bailur, L.C.P. & S.Regd.Medical Practitioner.
26. K. Fernandes, Partner, Electro-Homeopathic Dispensary.
27. J. Fernandes, Compounder - do -
28. B.P.Udpa, Accountant, Popular Insurance Co.
29. Rao Sahib F.Lobo, Retd,DY.Collector.
30. T.Gopalkrishna Bhat, B.O.L. Lighthouse Hill.
31. N.Saraswathi (Mrs.Hebbar) Codialbail.
32. C.N.Nemiraja Padival.
33. M.Leela Devi, Jail Road.
34. K.B.Jinaraja Hegde, Advocate, ex-M.L.A.,(Central).
35. P.Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road.
36. T.K.Abdul Aziz, Timber Merchant, Bunder.
37. C.N.Pais, Manager, Kanara Timbers,Ltd. Mangalore.
38. M.M.Baba, Proprietor, Bombay Lucky Restaurant.
39. N.Abubin Thandel Abdul Rahiman (Canarese).
40. Ahmed Bin Ali, Bunder, Mangalore.
41. R. Gupta, Merchant, Mangalore.
42. F.P.S.Albuquerque, Tile Manufacturer.
43. Haji A. Baba, (Haji Abdul Khader Bava).
44. Dada Hajee Ebrahim Halari.
45. Devidas Girdharlal, Prop.Chandrana Bros.
46. Vithalji Purushotham of Vithalji Madhavji.

47. L. Rebello, wife of S.B.[illegible]

48. G.L.Saldanha, L.D.Sc.

49. Mary G. Britto, Dt. Food Committee Member.

50. P.S.Karnadkar, M.B.,B.S., Regd.Medical Practitioner.

51. C.T.Devasia, Manager, Palai Central Bank.

52. J.C.Coelho, Retd.Superintendent, Stores Dept.M.& S.M.

53. J.Ramachander, (Rao Bahadur) Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge.

54. M.Annappa, Retd.Supt,Imperial Bank of India Mangalore.

55. U.Lakshmana Shenoy, B.A.,L.T.,

56. Greta Neri, Hon. Magistrate.

57. B.M.Abubacker, Merchant, Bunder

58. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankanady.

59. A.C.Mathai, M.A. Sanyasiguddi.

60. K.R.Karunaker, B.A.,B.L.,B.D., Chairman, B.M.Dt.Churc
South Kanara and Inspector of B.M.Schools, S.Kanara,
Coorg.

61. P.F.X.Saldanha & Sons, Highland Coffee Works.

62. P.C.Lobo, Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge (Dewan Bahadur).

63. M.Chandramma, Dewan Bahadur Bangara's House.

64. M.G.Kamath.

65. Muktha Pandit,'Guruprasad' Bendore.

66. Nagar Srinivas Rao, Merchant, Mangalore.

67. S.C.Frank, Physical Instructor, St.Aloysius' Colle

68. M. Raghavendra Pai.

69. J.A.Pinto, Coffee Planter.

70. P.N.S.Kamath & Company.

71. N.Srinivas, Merchant & Landlord, Hampankatta.

72. T. Corres, Candle-garden.

73. V. A. Nazareth, Coffee Planter.

74. Benedict Heri.

75. Alexander Correa, Merchant, Candle-garden.

76. G. Correa, Merchant, Candle Garden.

77. M. Vasudeva Nayak, S.K.N.House.

78. B. Coelho, Asst,GT.S. Mangalore.

79. V. Vaman Shenoy, Propr.Ideal Jewellery House.

80. J.B.Braggs, Pensioner, Balmatta Road.

81. N.M.Gopalkrishna Baliga, Retd,Sub-Registrar.

82. B. Ananda Baliga, Retd.Dy.Collector, Sturrock Road.

83. M.V.Kumva, Merchant, Mangalore.

84. G.B.Colaco, "Sylvan Lodge' Kankanady, Mangalore.

85. A. Vijayanake B.Sc., London, A.M.I.C.E. Ceylon.

86. S.Raja Ram, Dental Surgeon.

87. Thomas B'Souza Jeppu, Mangalore.

88. S.A.Furtado, Headmaster, B.E.M.High School.

89. C.P.Kamath, M.B.B.S., Hon.Asst.M.O.

90. Mr. E.A.Pais, 'Labsvern' Balmatta.

91. R.R.Talcherkar, Advocate,

92. Mrs.I.Saldanha, Martinest, Milagres.

93. C.P.Monteiro, Secretary, Catholic Bank,Mangalore.

94. M.B.Colaco, Treasurer, Catholic Bank, Mangalore.

95. E.B.Soans, Photographer, Lighthouse Hill.

96. P.Narayan Rao, M.B.B.S., L.O. Kadri Road.

97. H.Nagappa Pai, Regd.Medical Practitioner.

98. C.J.D'Souza, Builder & Contractor, Upper Bendore, Mangalore,

99. A. D'Souza, Retd.Telegraph Officer, Kankanady.

100 J.M.Colaco, M.B.B.S., Radiologist, Fr.Mullers, Kankanady.

101. S.N.Pinto, Coffee Planter, Virajpet House, Vas-Lane.

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103. A.A.Saldanha, Coffee Planter, Bunts' Hostel Road.

104. L. Mascarenhas (Mrs.W.E.Mascarenhas) Lighthouse Hill.

105. G.M.Tellis, Falnir, Mangalore.

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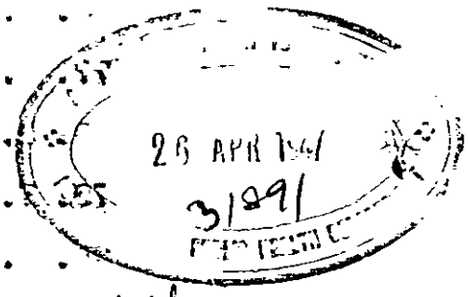

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The petition at ppl-4 ante, and the minute of Hon. (Home) on p. 1 ante are subd for perusal. E & P. H. have got a file on the subject. This may be transferred to that dept with the request that the file may be circulated to Hon. (Home) also as desired / ans by him.

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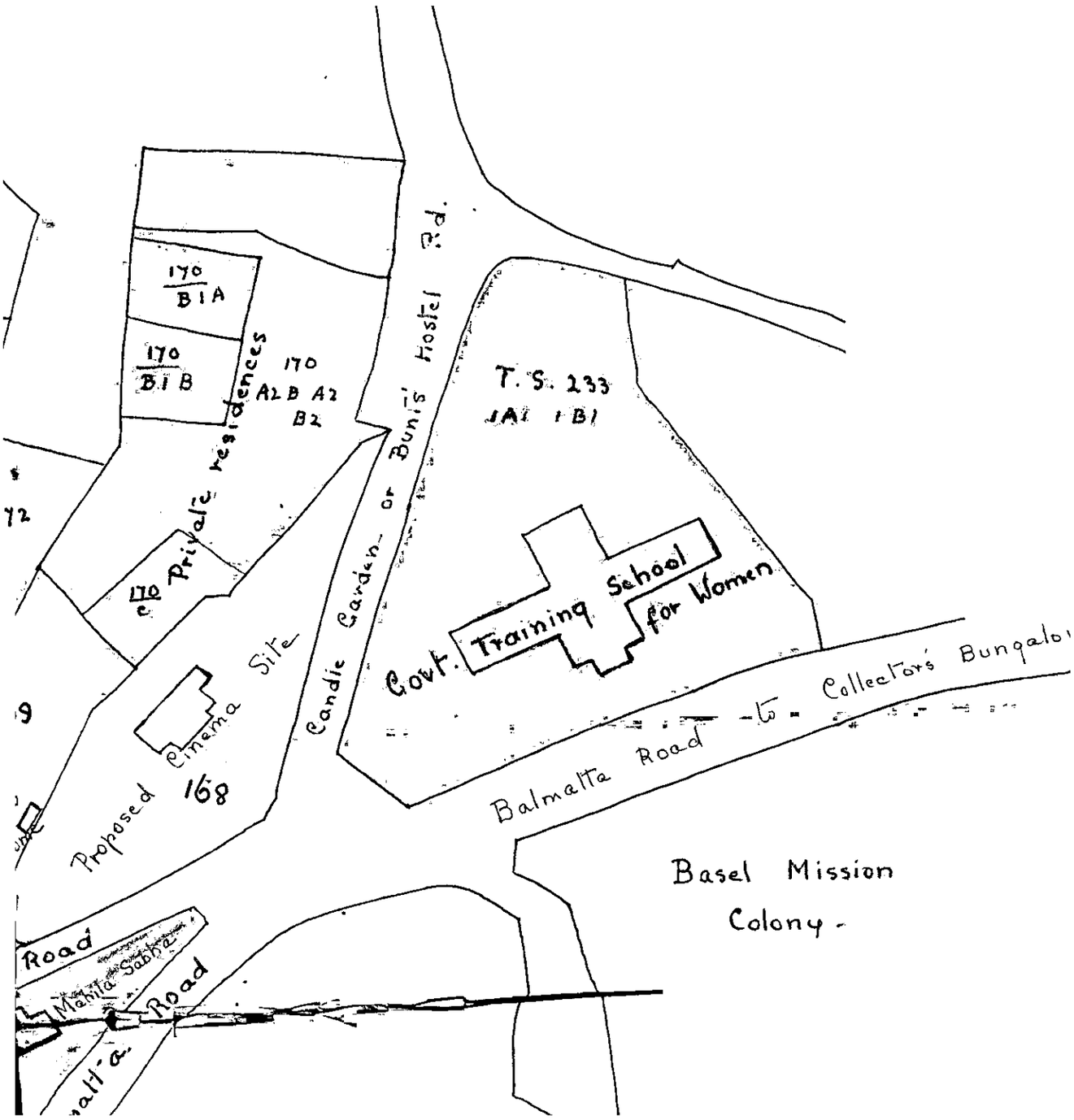
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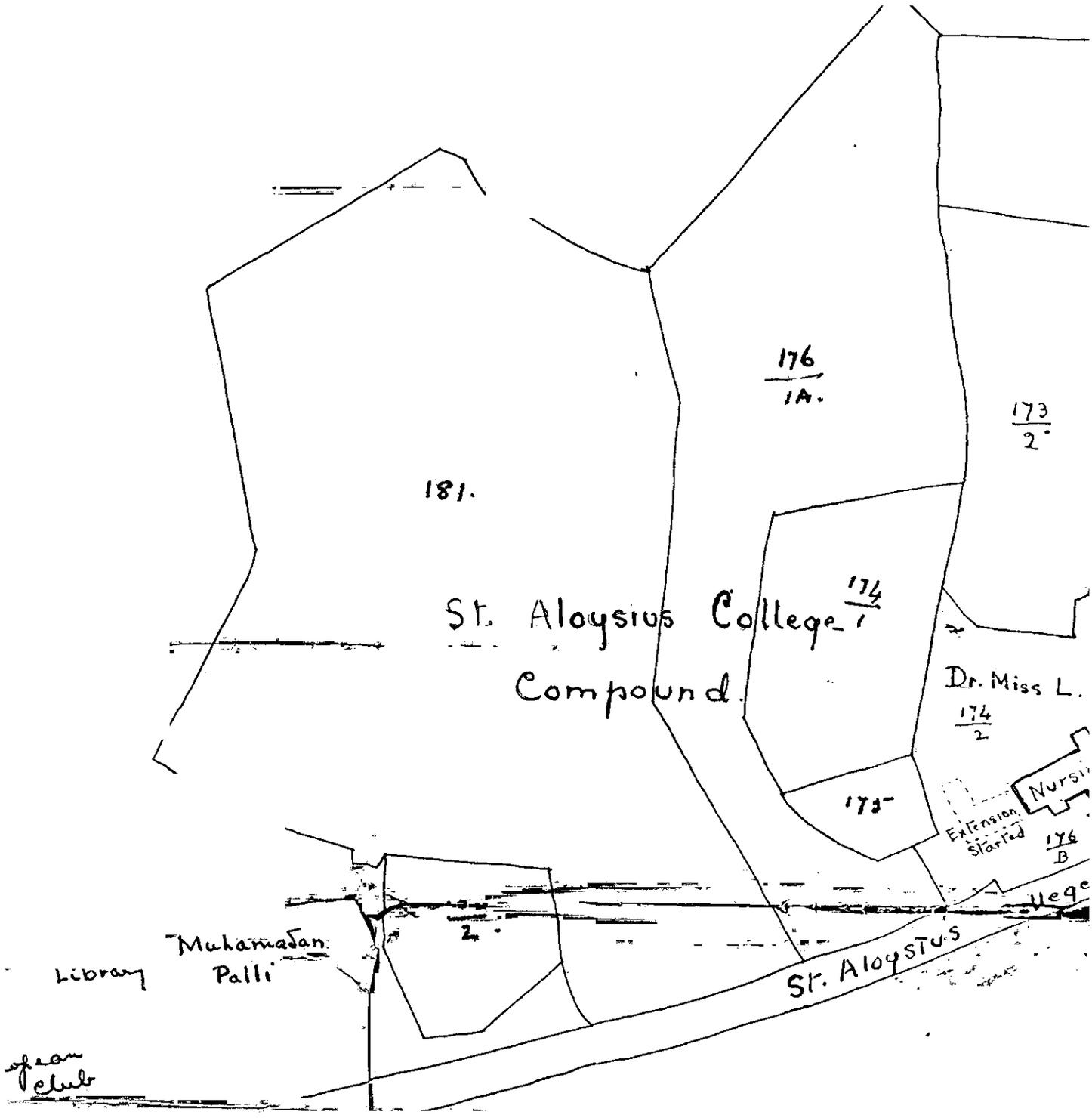
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To

The Collector & District Magistrate

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M A N G A L O R E

Petition of

Dr. (Miss) L. Lobo, M.B.,B.S.,D.G.O.

"Glenview Nursing Home"

Lighthouse Hill, MANGALORE

(Under Section 34 of the Madras District Municipalities Act and Section 12 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act)

Showeth as follows:

1. That the Petitioner is running a Maternity Nursing Home in T.S. No. 176/1B, 169 and 174/2 Lighthouse Hill Road, Mangalore, since December 1943. The said Nursing Home is the only one in Mangalore with a resident lady doctor at its head and staffed entirely by women. As such, women of all castes, creeds and communities come freely to the Nursing Home for treatment and confinement, however orthodox they may be.

2. On account of the growing popularity of the institution and its usefulness to the public, the Petitioner was put to the necessity of further extension of the building under the license and permission of the executive authority of the Municipal Council. The extension is under construction and it has cost Petitioner so far Rs 15,000 and the completion of the construction may cost Rs 20,000 in all, not to speak of the outlay incurred and to be incurred by her for better equipment of the Nursing Home, and the value of the site and of the original building therein.

3. Immediately to the east of the Petitioner's Nursing Home lies T.S No. 168, which until now has always been used for residential purposes. In fact this part of Mangalore is entirely a residential area containing decent residential

buildings and public institutions, such as the Government Training School for Women, the Mahila Sabha building t. Aloysius' College premises, the Ladies' Recreation Club and the Municipal Library etc. The locality generally does not contain shop buildings and even if there are some, they are comparatively few and far between.

4. The said T.S. No. 168 has been recently purchased by the Karnataka Theatres Company, one of whose objects is the opening of new cinemas. Mangalore has already got three cinemas and two more are at present under construction.

5. The said site T.S. No. 168 is situated at a junction where five roads meet; and one of them leading to the Petitioner's Nursing Home, the St. Aloysius' College, the Mahila Sabha buildings, the Ladies' Recreation Club, the Municipal Library and the Lighthouse Hill to which the public of Mangalore, freely resort, especially towards evenings, commences right in front of the said site.

6. With a view to construct a cinema building on the said site, the Karnataka Theatre Company applied in writing to the Executive Authority of the Municipal Council for approval of the said site for a cinema. It may be stated that the site is within the area of a Town Planning Scheme which has been published but not sanctioned so far.

7. The application being one in connection with a cinema should have been made under Section 197 of the Madras District Municipalities Act and also under Section 4 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act. Reading Section 370 of the Madras District Municipalities Act with Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act, the Executive Authority of the Municipal Council is the licensing authority under the latter Act. The same officer is also the Executive

Authority to approve sites and to grant permission to construct buildings under Section 197 of the Madras District Municipalities Act. The application submitted by the Karnataka Theatres Company did not however disclose under what provision of law it was made.

8. The Municipal Council, Mangalore, has constituted a Town Planning Committee under Section 37 of the Madras Town Planning Act and has delegated to it certain powers which however do not include the power of approving sites for cinemas. With reference to Town Planning Schemes published but not sanctioned, the powers of the Municipal Council and by delegation of the Committee are those contained in Section 17 of the Act and are limited only to the grant or refusal of permission to construct in areas contemplated by the said Section. The Committee has thus legally no right to approve of a site for a cinema in the area included in the Scheme. This application for approval was sent to the Town Planning Committee who by their proceedings dated 25th June 1946 approved of the site, the President of the Committee dissenting. A copy of the Proceedings and the President's dissenting note is appended hereto.

9. The said Proceedings are ultra vires of the Committee, the power of approving a site for a cinema not having been expressly delegated to it under Section 37 of the Madras Town Planning Act.

10. Following the said Proceedings of the Town Planning Committee, the Commissioner also approved of the site by Order dated 7-7-1946, a copy of which is appended hereto.

11. The application for approval of a site for a building and for permission to construct it, is governed by the provisions of Section 197 of the Madras District Municipalities Act. The application in question complied with the provisions of sub-section (1) of the Section; but no application was made under

sub-section (2) thereof nor were the requirements of that sub section complied with. The Commissioner acting under the powers conferred on him by the District Municipalities Act could not approve of the site without ascertaining whether there were grounds for refusal to approve of the site mentioned in Section 203. In fact, before approving the site or before granting permission to construct, the Commissioner should have insisted upon a compliance with the requirements of sub-section (2) of Section 197 and then the two applications under Section 197 should have been considered by him together with reference to Section203. Ground No. 1 mentioned in Section 203 contemplates a refusal if the use of the site for the work" would contravene "some specified provision or any law."

Section 7 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act provides that the licensing authority before granting a licence should be satisfied that no objection arising from the situation of the place or building or the purpose proposed exists..

Section 4 of the Act provides that certain requisites prescribed therein should be first complied with, and Section 5 makes it incumbent on the licensing authority to inspect the place before the application made under Section 4 is granted. The provisions of Section 4, 5, 6 or 7 were not complied with in the present case.

12. By approving the site under Section 19/(1) alone, the Commissioner has practically precluded himself from exercising hispowers and discretion under Section 7 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act and under Section 203 of the madras Municipalities Act. The approval given by the Executive Authority is under the circumstances illegal and opposed to the provisions of both the Madras District Municipalities Act and the Madras Places of Public Resort Act.

13. Both the Town Planning Committee and the Commissioner

were aware before they passed their respective orders that there were numerous objections arising from the situation of the place and the intended purpose, yet their objections were not enquired into but the same were shelved for future consideration, as the limitations attached to their respective orders would show The objections came from the Rector and Principal of St. Aloysius' College, a large education institution, the Mahila Sabha, the Superintendent of Government Training School for Women, the Inspectress of Schools, the Basel Mission Colony in the neighbourhood and numerous residents of the locality including also parents of the school children attending the St Aloysius' College and the Government Training School for Women. In fact, the two important institutions for the benefit of women and children, namely the Mahila Sabha and the Training School are situated right in front of the proposed site with only a road between The objection of the Petitioner as the Proprietrix of the Maternity Nursing Home was utterly disregarded The authorities failed to note that the erection of a cinema immediately adjoining the Maternity Nursing Home premises would deprive the patients of the privacy, quiet and seclusion which they have so far enjoyed and which in the main encouraged purdah and Hindu orthodox ladies to avail themselves of facilities for treatment given to them as in-patients and out-patients. The disturbance, noise and large crowds of people, often of an undesirable kind, which a cinema entails and attracts, will be a source of discomfort, disquiet and annoyance to the patients, especially when they are in their labour pains and often in a critical state. No amount of safeguards which the Executive Authority could hereafter provide would mitigate the distress and discomfort of the patients resulting from a cinema running for a considerable part of day and night within a few yards from the Nursing Home.

14. The Petitioner filed two appeals before the Municipal

Council against the Proceedings of the Town Planning Committee and of the Executive Authority respectively; both the appeals were heard together and were dismissed by the Council on 2-9-1946 without going into the question of the legality or otherwise of the orders under appeal and without any regard to the numerous objections urgedbefore them. A copy of the Resolution is appended hereto.

15. The Executive Authority the Town Planning Committee, and the majority of the Council have failed to see that objections arising from situation of the place and the intended purpose had to be heard and considered before the site was approved. They also failed to see that once the site and purpose was approved, the permission to construct a cinema and to run it would follow as a matter of course, so long as there were not the other grounds mentioned in Section 203 of the Madras District Municipalities Act and Sections 4 6 and 7 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act, the proprietor taking precious good care to see that such grounds do not exist. The Municipal Authorities have thereby failed to redress the grievances of a large section of the public and left them to the tender mercies of the owners of the cinema without a remedy. Their action is both illegal and ultra vires of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act and the Madras District Municipalities Act.

16. The Petitioner relies on the dissenting note of the President of the Town Planning Committee and the dissenting minutes of the Vice-Chairman and other Councillors who formed the minority.

17. The District Magistrate under Section 12 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act is competent to interfere and set right the irregularities that have crept in the proceedings. The Collector of the District is also competent under Section 34 of the Madras District Municipalities Act to

call for all the papers relating to the application in question, the enquiry thereon and the proceedings so far taken, and also call for the information relevant to the matter in question and record in writting for the consideration of the Council and the Executive Authority any observation which the Collector may think proper in regard to the Proceedings in question.

It is prayed that such controlling action may be taken.

It in also prayed that pending disposal of this petition, further proceedings in the matter of grant of permission or licence to construct or run a cinema may also be held in abeyance.

M A N G A L O R E)
23rd September'46)

Petitioner

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANGALORE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Dated 2nd September 1946

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Resolution No. 13.

C3/8155-46--Appeal petitions dated the 8th July 1946 and 23rd July 1946 from Dr. Miss Lobo, against the approval of the site by the Town Planning Committee for the construction of a Cinema House in T.S. No. 168 of 15th Ward by the Karnataka Theatre Company and against the order of the Commissioner, approving the site for the construction of a Theatre in the above T. . No. 163 of 15th Ward with the file of connected papers.

Heard Mr. P D'Souza, B.A ,B.L., Vakil for the appellant and Sri B. Vaikunta Baliga, B.A.,B.L., Vakil for respondent in both the appeals. When the arguments on both sides were concluded and Sri M. Mukunda Nayak was about to speak, Mr. C. L. Lobo, Vice-Chairman raised a point of order namely that whether the members of the Town Planning Committee could take part in discussion and vote in connection with this appeal. Chairman ruled that the members of the Town Planning Committee can take part and vote in the above appeal by virtue of their being members of Municipal Council.

After considerable discussion the question of the appeals are to be allowed or rejected was put to vote. 7 votes for allowing the appeal and 13 against. 2 remained neutral (Messrs. B. G. Das and M. Ramappa). Chairman did not take part. The Chairman then declared that the appeal failed and therefore rejected.

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Sd: H. Moorein Saheb

Chairman ,M.C.

No. C.A. 196/46-47

True extracts granted to Dr. Miss Lobo as per her application dated the 4th September 1946.

Municipal Office, Mangalore)
Dated the 5th Septr. 1946.)

Sd: S Narayan Shenoy
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Commissioner
Mangalore Municipality

Proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Town Planning Committee held in the Municipal Office at 5.30 p., on 25th June 1946.

Present

M. S. Sreshta, Esq., President

Sri A. Shanker Alva

Sri Rao Saheb P R. R. Punja

Sri M. Mukunda Nayak

Janab U. Ahmed Hussein Saheb Bahadur

Read application from Karnataka Theatre Company for the construction of a theatre in T.S. No. 168 of 15th Ward.

The majority of the members are of the opinion that the application should be allowed and add that conditions may be imposed when the application for erecting a building is made to ensure that all reasonable objections urged by the objectors are met.

The President dissents and will put up a note.

The site is approved four voting for the approval and one voting against it.

Sd: M. S. Sreshta

President Town Planning Committee

True extract is granted to Miss L. Lobo as per her application dated 26th June - vide C.A. No. 129 of 1946-47.

Municipal Office, Mangalore)
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Dated the 2nd July 1946)

Sd: M Narayana Shenoy
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Commissioner
Mangalore Municipality

Reasons for my dissent

I regret to have to differ from the other members of the committee as to the order to be made on this application.

Several objection petitions have been received against the application. All the neighbours appear to be against its being granted. The Town Planning Officer says in his report of 15th ultimo that so far as he could gather, the general opinion is not in favour of locating the theatre at this place. The neighbours and signatories of the objection petition belong to different communities. Hindus, Catholics, and Protestants. The institutions objecting include Miss (Dr.) Lobo's Maternity and Nursing Home which adjoins the site on which the Cinema House is sought to be built, St. Aloysius' College which also adjoins, and the Government Training School for Women and Secondary School for Girls, which faces this site and is separated only by a public road. There are other institutions close by, persons connected with which are objecting The Inspectress of Girls' School the Superintendent of the Training School for Women the Rector of S Aloysius' College, the President of the Basel Mission in India, parents of students of the College and Training School and several professional men are among the objectors

We have for our guidance in dealing with this application 7(b) of the Places of Public Resort Act, under which a licence has to be obtained for the proposed Cinema. This section provides that the Licensing Authority should be satisfied inter alia that no objection arises from the situation of the site and the proposed purpose.

The functions of Town Planning include the imposition of conditions and restrictions in regard to the purposes to which buildings or specified areas may or may not be appropriated. (4- of the Town Planning Act). Town Planning is not to be directed merely to satisfy physical wants, but should also aim at providin and developing cultural amenities and moral health. It is therefore our duty to interfere with the object of the application is the construction of a Cinema, which is not desirable in this loca

This is one of the finest residential localities in this town, with its calm atmosphere and good buildings have sprung up in it It is well-fitted for Educational and Cultural Institutions, which have sprung up in the hill, the College, Clubs, the Public Library, etc. The site in question lies at thefoot of a hill which in the words of Mr. Simham, Dy. Director of Town Planning (p. 27 of his Civic Survey of the Mangalore Municipality, 1929) is the "chief beauty spot in the town." "To this Hill", he says, "people resort for open air . The roads leading to the hill are carefully laid. The view from the hillof the town, the backwater etc. is exquisite." The atmosphere of quiet and calm of this locality, including the hill, would certainly be disturbed by th opening of a Cinema House in the site in question, with the crowds and traffic that will be attracted, and the number of stalls and petty structures that will spring up in the neighbourhood.

Would we be adding to the usefulness of the College and schools and other institutions in the neighbourhood and seconding their efforts, by permitting the construction of a Cinema close to them. According to the Rector of th College 2300 students pass up and down the road past the site in question and the Cinema will be a great source of distraction to them and matinees on working days which include Saturdays will be a cause of absenteeism.

What is the call for disturbing the quiet of the locality and adding to the distractions of the students of the College and other institutions. Miss (Dr.) Lobo says that several women attend her nursing and maternity Home for confinement etc. She gives other reasons for objecting to theapplication.

A Cinema is useful in its own way but the in the present state of the law, it is not in the power of the State to exercise a ~~street~~ strict control over Cinemas and the films shown, and it would certainly be in the interests of the College and other institutions if this Cinema is located further away from them

Some personalities were brought in. The applicant has invested money in buying the site in question. But this is a valuable site which he can probably sell without loss if not with profit. The question however must be looked at not from the point of view of interests of individuals but having regard to the larger interests of the residents and institutions in the neighbourhood and the interests and amenities of the general public and the town as a whole. The use of localities like the one in question for Cinemas amounts to their exploitation for the benefit of the capitalist at the expense of the comfort and amenities not only of the neighbours but of the general public.

The fact that cinemas have been built near schools elsewhere does not prove anything. Perhaps no objection was raised by the neighbours. I believe that all these Cinemas are outside the Town Planning areas and the applications regarding them were not considered by the Committee. In any case there is no need to repeat previous errors and to overlook the spirit of the Town Planning Act. Industrial areas have been established too in the interests of the Health of the Public. The Council has set its face strongly against nuisances, and the opposition to the Cashew Factory in Urva is an instance. Although a Cinema is not an industry and a nuisance in the same sense we shall be but following our past policy and adhering to the spirit of Town Planning by keeping Cinemas as far away as possible from localities which are popular residential areas and educational and cultural centres.

Sd: M. Sreshta

27/6/46

True extract, is granted to Miss. L. Lobo, as per her application dated 26-6-1946 Vide C.A. No. 129/46-47.

Sd. M. Narayan Shenoy
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Commissioner
Mangalore Municipality

B.F. No. 54/46-No.4849-46 Municipal Office, Mangalore

Dated the 5th July 1946

Endt. on the application dated the 19th April 1946 from the Secretary, The Karnataka Theatres Ltd. Hampankatta, Mangalore, requesting approval of site T.S. No. 168 of Ward No. 15 for the purpose of constructing a permanent Cinema House

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The site T.S. No. 168 of 15th Ward is approved for the construction of a building for use as a Cinema House.

The petitioner is informed that the above approval does in no way commit the municipality to the grant of licence for the construction of the building under the Building Rules or for the grant of any other permissions or licences that may be required under any other rules or enactments for the time being in force for running a cinema etc.

Sd: M Narayana Shenoy

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Commissioner
Mangalore Municipality

To

The Secretary

Messrs. Karnataka Theatres Ltd.
Hampankatta, Mangalore

Copy to Sri N. Krishna Bhat, B.A ,B.L., Advocate and Landholder residing in T.S. No. 98/1 of 15th Ward, Mangalore (the first signatory on behalf of the residents of Balmatta, Mangalore.

Home Dept

Madras,

21st April 1947.

From

Mrs. P.C.Lobo,
Representing Dr.Miss.L.Lobo and all the
Signatories to the Petitions mentioned herein.

The Hon'ble Sri.C.P.Ramaswami Reddiar,
Prime Minister of Madras,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Objections to the Erection of a Cinema House in T.S.No.168 in the Plan attached, in the Municipality of Mangalore.

Ref: 1. Petition from Dr.Miss L.Lobo dated 23rd September 1946 to the Collector and District Magistrate of Mangalore. Copy annexed.

2. Petition from Members of the Public dated 23rd November 1946 to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health. Copy annexed.

3. Petition from the Government Training School advisory Committee and other ladies to the ~~Director of~~ Hon'ble Minister for Public Health.

4. Petition from the Government Training School Advisory Committee and other ladies to the Hon'ble Minister for Education.

5. Petition from Members of the Government Training School advisory Committee and other ladies to the Director of Public Instruction--submitted by the Director to the Secretary to Government, Education Department, Copies of the last three petitions will be submitted if called for.

I have the Honour to submit the following facts for your kind consideration.

T.S.No.168 was purchased by the Karnataka Theatres in April 1946. As soon as it was known that the question of approving the site was being considered by the Town Planning Committee of the Municipal Council objection petitions were sent to the Commissioner, Chairman, and the President of the Town Planning Committee from Dr. Miss Lobo, from the Superintendent of the Government Training School for women, from the Rector St.Aloysius College, from the Authorities of the Basel Mission, from the neighbouring residents and from the parents and guardians of boys and girls attending St. Aloysius College, and the Government Training School, for women. The Mahila Sabha also passed a resolution protesting against the erection of a Cinema; but I am not sure if it was sent to the Town Planning Committee or to the Council that met some time later. In spite of so many protests the Committee approved of the site, 4 members voting for, the President however, dissenting. The Commissioner's approval order was based on this resolution of the Town Planning Committee.

Dr.Miss Lobo appealed to the Municipal Council stating among other grounds of appeal, that the Town Planning Committee had no powers to approve sites for Cinemas. Her appeals were rejected. Thereafter a petition was submitted to the Collector and Dt.Magistrate, Mangalore on 23rd September 1946, a copy of which is attached herewith. The petition was heard by the Collector Mr.Bhoothalingam on the 1st October 1946

and he called for the papers; but a few days later, before he could pass orders, he was transferred. A public petition was also presented to the Collector at about that time. Mr. Bhoothalingam's successor Mr. Bett inspected the site and expressed surprise that any one could choose such a site for a cinema. Before any Orders were passed, the Government of Madras called for the papers, presumably on representations made to the Government by Members of the public protesting against the erection of the Cinema. I learn that the collector in his note has declared the site unsuitable.

The parties that had petitioned against the Cinema were awaiting a personal investigation of the question in situ by the Ministers concerned. In the meantime in November 1946 the Hon'ble Ministers for Education and for Local Administration visited Mangalore. They were good enough to inspect the site and I heard that they expressed in no uncertain terms that a Cinema should not come up there. But they also said that the final voice was with the Health Minister. Public Memorials were then sent to Mrs. R.Lakshmipathy, the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health and to Rao Bahadur Dr.R.M.Mathew the Director of Public Health. Telegrams were also sent urging inspection of site and withholding of licence. I learnt that the concerned Officers of the Educational Department and the Members of the School Committee made a strong representation to the Director of Public Instruction that a Cinema should not be permitted on the site as it was

detrimental to the interests of the Government Training School for women and to the Mahila Sabha which works for adult education, and to the large number of School and College Students, boys and girls who have to pass by the site four times a day. The School Committee also pointed out the utter inadequacy and unsuitability of the present Hostel accommodation for the girls in the Government Training School and of the essential need to acquire T.S.No.168 for purposes of a hostel as there is absolutely no other site anywhere near the school that ~~he~~ could be acquired. They have also represented that a Cinema house will block all chances of providing a suitable Hostel for the School at any time in future. This is the only site that Superintendant*s and Inspectresses in the past have ~~try~~ to get for the hostel. I have been informed by the Director at my interview with him last ~~thxxx~~ week that he was very strongly recommended the acquisition of the site for constructing a hostel ~~herex~~ there.

On arrving in Madras last week I had an interview with the Health Minister the Hon'ble Mr.A.B.Shetty. He told me that Mrs.Lakshmipathy had passed orders before she resigned and that the subject cannot be raked up now. I was very much surprised to hear of the order as Mrs. Lakshmipathy had assured me and others that no orders would be passed before a personal inspection of the site. Every petition had urged an inspection of the site because it was impossible by mere plans to show the gradient of the roads, the angles at which they cro the unique position of the site and the whole atmospher of the locality which abounds in educational cultural and religious institutions. It is very strange

that without a personal visit and without even referring to the Director of Public Health, on the eve of her resignation, ignoring the interests of thousands of Boys and girls of neighbouring educational institutions, ignoring the interests of the women and children who will suffer if the Maternity Home is forced to close down on account of the Cinema, ignoring the protest of the Director of ~~the~~ Public Instruction, ignoring the opinion of the Local Collector who I hear has declared the site unsuitable and ignoring even the remarks of the Ministers who inspected the site personally, Mrs. Lakshmipathy passed an Order APPROVING the Commissioner's order. None of the petitioners have got a copy of the Order. But I hear it is very comprehensive. I may be permitted to state that I interviewed Mrs. Lakshmipathy soon after my interview with Hon'ble Mr.A.B.Shetty. She told me she decided the question in favour of the Cinema because it was represented to her that it was a purely ~~a~~ Communal question. I pointed out to her that the Government School for women whose pupils are mostly Hindus, and the Mahila Sabha 95 per cent of whose members are Hindus, and the Maternity Nursing Home which gives treatment to all castes and creeds cannot possibly be called communal, and that the signatories to the petitions before her were prominent Hindus as well as Christians and Mohammadans. She told me that because the whole of the site adjoining the St.Aloysius College had been sold by my brother to the College Authorities the question becomes communal. I fail to understand how the selling of a plot to the West of nursing Home to an educational Institution, be it Christian or Hindu, can affect the decision about a Cinema

Theatre to the east of the Nursing Home and facing the Government Training School for women and the Mahila - Sabha. The plot of T.S.No.168 is not proposed to be acquired by a Christian or required for any christian institution. It is immaterial whether a Christian - Hindu or Mohammadan owns the plot. What the public object to is the erection of a Cinema there, because it affects the general interests of the Public and the Special interests of the Students.

A perusal of the signatures to the petitions to the Ex. Health Minister will show whether this agitation has been engineered by Christians, or whether the petitions represent the genuine grievances of all castes and creeds. Responsible Hindus (Brahmins and Non-Brahmins) catholics, Protestants and Mohammadans have signed the petitions. The only non-Brahmins who have not signed are people of the Bunt Community - who floated the Karnataka Theatre Company and are running it.

As the commissioner's order stood, the public had a chance of objecting when an application was made for the licence for the Building, but from what I hear the Ex. Health Minister has foreseen that the objections will be even stronger, and has passed an order permitting the Commissioner to grant licence if and when an application is made.

In view of the circumstances mentioned above and in greater detail in the copies of the Petitions herewith

annexed I earnestly request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to be good enough to pass STAY Orders ~~to~~ holding in Abeyance the Orders already passed by the Ex.Minister of Public Health pending the Hon'ble Prime Minister's final orders in the matter. I also earnestly pray that the Hon'ble Prime Minister may find it convenient to visit Mangalore and look into the question in situ, before passing final orders. The public of Mangalore and women in Particular will be most grateful if this request ~~if~~ be kindly granted.

I have the Honour to be
Your Most Obedient Servant,
Stella Josephine Lobo
(Mrs. P. C. Lobo).

Madras.
21st April 1948

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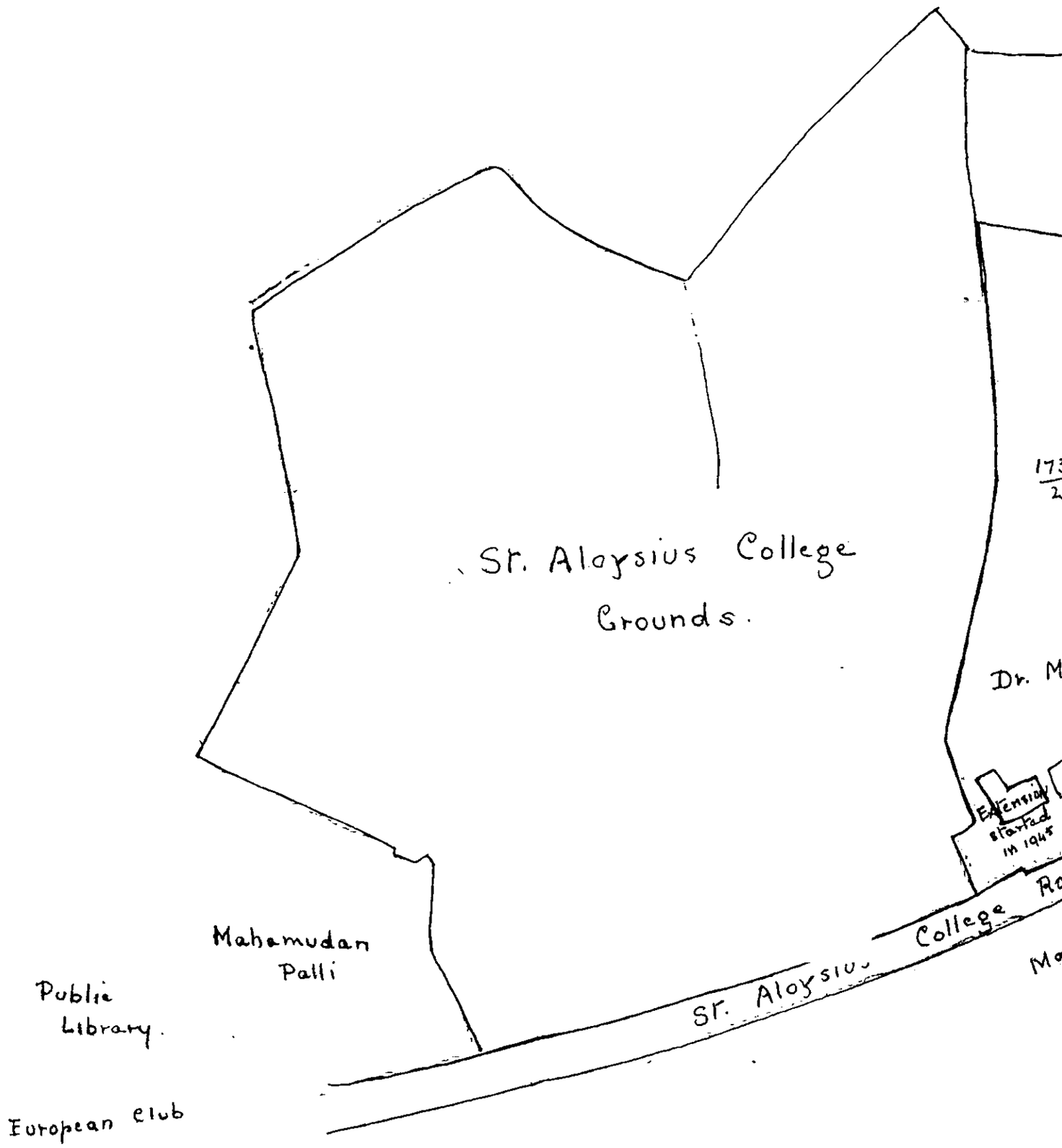
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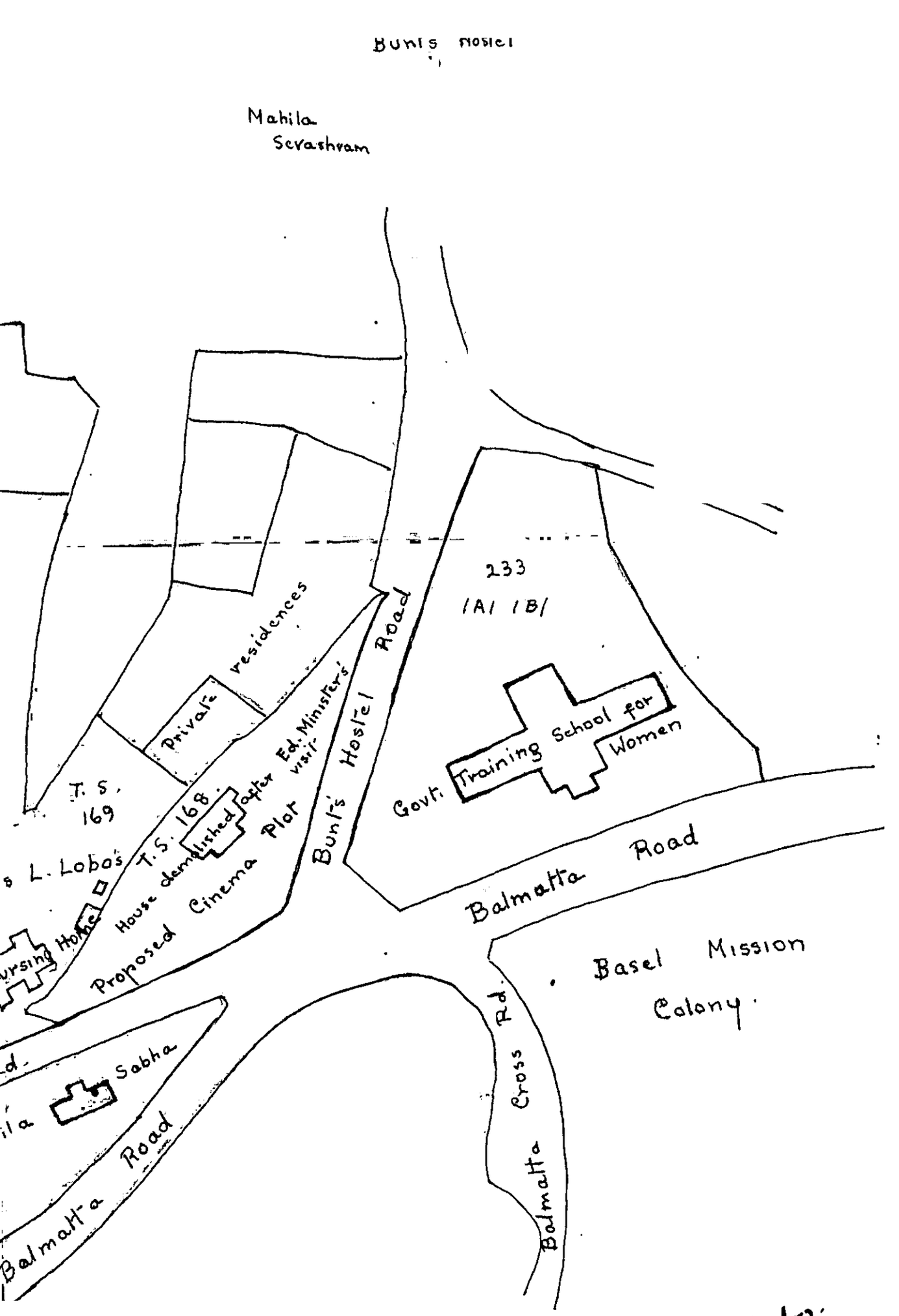
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Proposed Cinema Plot
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S. J. Lobo.

To

Srimathi Rukmani Lakshmipathi,

Minister for Public Health.

Dear Madam,

Being highly aggrieved at the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, approving of the site, - T.S.No. 168 in the accompanying plan for the erection - of a Cinema, we beg to bring to your notice the following facts trusting to receive a sympathetic hearing:

T.K. S. No. 168 is situated in a purely residential area and is between the Government Training - School for women, the Mahila Sabha and the Glenview -- Maternity Nursing Home. All the three Institutions - sent protests to the Commissioner as soon as they heard that an application was made for approval of the said - Cinema site. Objection petitions were also sent by the parents of girls attending the Women's Training -- School, parents of boys attending St. ~~Xavier~~ Aloysius' College and by the neighbouring residents. We heard that the Superintendent of the Women's Training School, the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the Rector of St: Aloysius' College, and Basel Mission Colony also sent in their protests to the Commissioner. We were shocked to find that all the petitions were ignored and the -- Commissioner passed an order approving of the site.

If a Cinema should be located in T.S.No.168 women and children will be the greatest sufferers. It will deprive them of the privacy and freedom they have hitherto enjoyed in going up and down ~~here~~ the St: - Aloysius' College Road to the Mahila Sabha, Nursing Home

and Ladies' Club. It will also hinder them from going for fresh air to the top of the Light House Hill, which is the only open space in the heart of the Town, where convalescent women and children have hitherto resorted to freely.

The Training School is separated from T.S. No. 168 only by a road. The Cinema will be a constant source of distraction to the little children in the Women's Training School and a source of nuisance and danger to the grown up students. There will be absolutely no privacy in the School compound with a Cinema next door. Up to now all classes of girls have been going to and from School unattended, but with undesirable people, who inevitably loiter round a Cinema, parents will find it impossible to send their girls unescorted.

The Mahila Sabha also is separated from T.S.No. 168 only by a road. The chief object of the Mahila Sabha is the uplift and education of women and young girls, who have no other facilities for education. The building has also come to the use as the chief centre of the I.W.C.C. Its vast grounds attract ladies in the evenings for outdoor games also. A Cinema facing this building will deprive it of all privacy. Ladies will not use it as freely as heretofore, if the only road by which they can get their becomes the frontage of a Cinema with the attendant shops and stalls.

The Maternity Nursing Home has filled a long-felt want. Dr. Miss Lobo is the only private Lady Doctor in the Town. Her Nursing Home is the only private Nursing Home with a resident Lady Doctor and

it is staffed entirely by women. The confidence - inspired by her and the privacy of the surroundings have induced women of all castes and creeds and even very orthodox Hindu and Muslim women to go to the - Nursing Home to get treatment and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ante-natal care. The Nursing Home premises adjoin T.S.No. 168 on two whole sides and the building itself is in some places within a few feet of T.S.No.168. The indevitable noise and commotion outside the Cinema Hall might after night will cause great disturbance to the patients, especially during labour.

T.S.No. 168 is at the junction of five roads, St: Aloysius' College Road, coming down at a steep -- gradiant. The Cinema show in the evning starts just after the play hours at St: Aloysius' College. There is great risk of accidents, if a Cinema Theatre is -- located at this junction.

The neighbouring residents too are highly - aggrieved at the attempt to thrust a Cinema Theatre in their midst when it will be a cause of nuisance to them and when no one wants it except the shareholders of the Company. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~

Besides all the hardships that will be caused by locating a Cinema in T.S.No. 168 we beg to point out that we have already in our Town three Theatres working and two almost completed. A sixth Cinema is absolutely superfluous.

We respectfully suggest that the site may be acquired by the Government for a Girls' Hostel, which is badly needed. The present rented building is too small

and being far from the school is inconvenient for the grils, especially during the heavy rains of Mangalore.

We request you most earnestly to inspect the site on your visit to Mangalore, when you will be convinced of the authenticity of our grievances.

Trusting our petition will be sympathetically considered,

We remain,

Dear Madam,

Your obedient servants,

Mangalore,
23rd November 1946

True copy of signatures to the Memorial

to Rao Bahadur R. H. Mathew, D.Ph.Comtab.

Director of Public Health.....

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1. K. S. Shanta Bai, Supdt., Iswarananda Mahila Sevashram.
2. Rama Bai A. Pandit, President Mahila Sabha.
3. Mrs. Krishnamurthy, President, Ladies' Club.
4. M. Lilabai, President, Bhagini Samaj.
5. L. Lobo, M.B.B.S., D.G.O. "Glenview," Maternity Nursing Home, Lighthouse Hill.
6. Lucy Sreshta, Honourary Secretary, M. Ladies' Club.
7. H. Kesava Pai, Rao Bahadur, O.B.E., Retired Civil Surgeon.
8. A.L. Pinto, Rao Saheb, retired Deputy Collector and Landlord.
9. H. Krishna Bhat, Advocate, Balmatta, Mangalore.
10. A. Gonsalves, Lighthouse Hill.
11. A. Srinivas Pai, retired Advocate. Lighthouse Hill.
12. K. Mahalinga Bhat, registered Medical Practitioner, Balmatta.
13. S. Venkat Rao, Vakil, Lighthouse Hill, Mangalore.
14. K. Suvasini Poojari, Dwaraka.
15. M. Malini Bai, B.A.,
16. U. C. S. Bhat, B.A., B.L., Ex M.L.C. Dwaraka, Mangal
17. Muktha Pandit, Guruprasad, Bendore,
18. M. Venkatesh Pai, Banker, Mangalore.
19. E. Soans, Vice President, Bagini Samaj
20. K. P. Ponnappa, Vice President, Mahila Sabha.
21. H. Rodrigues, Coffee and Cardamom Planter, Balmatta.
22. M. Burckhaert, President, Y.W.C.A.
23. K. Rajalakshmi Achar, Kadiri.
24. A. G. Baillur, L.C.P. & S., Registered Medical Practitioner.
25. K. Fernandez, partner, Electro Homeo Dispensary.
26. J. Fernandez, Compounder, --do-- --do--
27. D. P. Udpa, Accountant, Popular Insurance Co.

28. Rao Saheb F. Lobo, Retired Deputy Collector, Mangalore.

29. T. Gopalakrishna Bhat, D.O.L., Lighthouse Hill,

30. N. Saraswathi (Mrs. Hebbar).

31. C. N. Nemrajja (Nemraj Padival & Sons).

32. K. P. Seshagiri Prabhu, Landholder and Banker, Karkal and Mangalore.

33. M. Leeladevi.

34. K. B. Jinaraj Hegde, Advocate, Ex. M.L.C.

35. P. Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road, Mangalore.

36. C. T. Kamath, M.B.B.S., Honourary Assistant M.O.

37. T. H. Abdul Azeez, Timber Merchant.

38. C. V. N. Pias, Manager, Kanara Timbers.

39. M. M. Bava, Proprietor, Bombay Lucky Restaurant

40. Ahmed Bin Ali, Bunder, Mangalore.

41. N. Abu Bin Thandel Abdul Rahiman (Kanarese signature)

42. R. Gupta, Merchant.

43. F.T.S.Albuquerque, Tile Manufacturer.

44. H. N. A. Bava (Haji Abdul Khader Bava), wholesale merchant.

45. Dada Haji Ebrahim Halari.

46. H. C. D'Souza, M.B.B.S., D.G.O.

47. Devidoss Girdarlal, Proprietor, Chandrana Bros.

48. Vittalji Purushotham of Vittalji Madhavji.

49. G. L. Saldana, L.D.Sc.

50. L. Rebello (wife of ~~xxxxxx~~ S.B.P. Rebello) Tile Manufacturer.

51. Mary S. Britto, District Food Committee Member

52. P. S. Karnadkhar, M.B.B.S., Registered Mecial Practitioner.

53. C. T. Devasia, Manager, Palai Central Bank, Mangalore

54. J. C. Coelho, retired Supdt., Stores Depat. M.S.M.

55. J. Ramachandr (Rao Bahadur) District & Sessions Judge, retired.

56. M. Annappa, retired superintendent, Imperial Bank of India, Mangalore.

57. U. Lakshmana Shenoy

58. Greta Neri , Honourary Magistrate.

59. B. M. Abubucker, Bunder, Mangalore.

60. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankanady

61. A. C. Mathai, M.A. Sanyasi gudda, Kadri.

62. K. R. Karunakar, Chairman, B.M.District Church, South Kanara & Inspector of Mission Schools, South Kanara and Coorg.

63. P. F. X. Saldanha & Sons, Highland Coffee Works.

64. P. C. Lobo, retired District Judge (Dewan Bahadur)

65. M. Chandramma (Dewan Bahadur Bangera's house)

66. B. T. Soans, Photographer, Mangalore.

67. P. Narayan Rao, M.B.B.S., L.C., Kadiri, Mangalore

68. M. Nagappa Pai, Registered Medical Practitioner, Kadiri.

69. A. D'Souza, retired Telegraph Officer, Kankanadi.

70. J. M. Colaco, M.B.B.S., Radilogist, Father -- Mullers' Hospital, Kankanadi.

71. N. Shrinivas, Merchant & Landlord, Mangalore.

72. Benadict Heri, Ag. Manager, B.M.Press & Book Depot.

73. M. G. Kamath, Falnir, Mangalore.

74. S. C. Frank , Physical Director, St: Aloysius' College.

75. M. Vasudeva Nayak, merchant, , S.K.House.

76. Mrs. G. T. Peris Bhatt

77. Nagar Srinivas Rao, merchant.

78. J. A. Pinto, Coffee Planter, Bunts' Hostel Road.

79. T. Correa, Candle Garden.

80. B. A. Nazareth , Coffee Planter.

81. Alexander Correa, merchant.

82. G. Correa, merchant, Candle Garden

83. V. Coelho, Asst. G.T.S., Candle Garden, Mangalore.

84. J.B.Bragga, Pensioner, Balmatta Road, Mangalore.

85. B. Ananda Baliga, retired Deputy Collector, Sturrock Road, Mangalore.

86. M.V.Kudva, merchant, Mangalore.

87. G. B. Colaco, Sylvan Lodge, Kankanadi.

88. A. Vijayanayake, B.Sc., London, A.M.I.C.E.(Ceylon)

89. S. Rajaram, Dental Surgeon.

90. Thomas D'Souza, Jeppu, Mangalore.

91. S. A. Furtado, B.A.,L.T., Head-Master, B.E.M. High School, Mangalore.

92. B. Vaman Shenoy (Proprietor, Ideal Jewellery House)

93. B. Gopalkrishna Baliga, retired Sub-Registrar.

94. U. Kannappa, retired D.E.O., Mangalore.

95. A. A. Saldana, Coffee Planter, Bunts' Hostel Road.

96. I. Mascarenhas (Mrs. W.E. Mascarenhas) Lighthouse Hill.

97. Mrs. E. A. Pias, "Babsvern" Balmatta.

98. R. R. Talcherkar, Advocate.

99. Mrs. I. Saldana, "Martin Nest", Milagres.

100. C. P. Monteiro, Secretary, Catholic Bank, Mangalore

101. M. B. Colaco, Treasurer, Catholic Bank, Mangalore.

102. C. J. D'Souza, Builder & Contractor, Upper Bendore, Mangalore.

103. S. M. Pinto, Coffee Planter, Virajpet House.

104. M. Raghavendra Rai.

105. P.N.S. Kamath & Co.

106. G. M. Tellis, Falnir, Mangalore.

107. E. Fernandes, Jeppoo, Mangalore.

108. U. Ramaraya Bhat, Bejai, Mangalore.

109. Cyril S. D'Souza, Codialbail.

To

The Collector & District Magistrate,
South Kanera, Mangalore.

PETITION OF DR. (MISS) L.LOBO, M.B.,BSS., D.G.O.,
"GLENVIEW NURSING HOME", LIGHT-HOUSE
HILL, MANGALORE.

(Under Section 34 of the Madras District Municipalities Act and Section 12 of the Madras Places of Public resort Act)

Showeth as follows:-

1. That the Petitioner is running a Maternity Nursing Home in T.S.No.176/1B, 169 and 174/2 Light - House Hill Road, Mangalore, since December 1943. The said Nursing Home is the only one in Mangalore with a resident Lady Doctor at its head and staffed entirely by women. As such women of all castes, creeds & communities come freely to the Nursing Home for treatment and confinement however orthodox they may be.

2. On account of the growing popularity of the institution and its usefulness to the Public, the Petitioner was put to the necessity of further extension of the building, under the license and permission of - the executive authority of the Municipal Council. The extension is under construction and it has cost Petitioner so far Rs.15,000/- and the completion of the - construction may cost Rs.20,000/- in all, not to speak of the outlay incurred and to be incurred by her for - better equipment of the nursing Home, and the value of the site and of the original Building therein.

3. Immediately to the east of the Petitioner's Nursing Home lies T.S.No.163, which until now has always

been used for residential purposes. In fact this part of Mangalore is entirely a residential area containing decent residential buildings and public institutions, such as the Government Training School for women, the Mahila Sabha Building, St.Aloysius' College - premises, the Mangalore Ladies' club and the Municipal Library etc.,. The locality generally does not contain shop Buildings and even if there are some, they are comparatively few and far between.

4. The said T.S.No. 168 has been recently purchased by the Karnataka Theatres Company, One of whose objects is the opening of new cinemas, Mangalore has already got three cinemas and two more are at present under construction.

5. The said site T.S.No. 168 is situated at a junction where four roads meet; and one ~~of the~~ leading to the Petitioner's Nursing Home, the St.Aloysius' College, the Mahila Sabha Buildings, the Mangalore - Ladies Club, the Municipal Library and the Light House Hill to which the Public of Mangalore, freely resort, especially towards evenings, commences right in front of the said site.

6. That with a view to construct a cinema Building on the said site, the Karnataka Theatre Company applied in writing to the Executive Authority of the Municipal Council for approval of the said site for a cinema. It may be stated that the site is within the area of a Town Planning Scheme which has been Published but not sanctioned so far.

7. The application being one in connection with a cinema, should have been made under Section 197 of the Madras District Municipalities Act and also under Section 4 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act. Reading Section 370 of the Madras District Municipalies Act with Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act, the Executive Authority of the Municipal Council is the licensing authority under the latter Act. The same Officer is also the Executive Authority to approve sites and to grant permission to construct Buildings under Section 197 of the Madras District Municipalities Act. The application submitted by the Karnataka Theatres Company did not however disclose under what provision of law it was made.

8. The Municipal Council, Mangalore, has constituted a Town Planning Committee under Section 37 of the Madras Town Planning Act and has delegated to it certain powers which however do not include the power of approving sites for cinemas. With reference to Town Planning Schemes published but not sanctioned the Powers of Municipal Council and by delegation the Committee are those contained in Section 17 of the Act and are limited only to the grant or refusal of permission to construct in areas contemplated by the said Section. The Committee has thus legally no right to approve of a site for a cinema in the area included in the Scheme. This application for approval was sent to the Town Planning Committee who by their proceedings dated 25th June 1946 approved of the site, the President of the Committee dissenting. A copy of the Proceedings and the President's dissenting note is appended hereto.

9. The said proceedings are ultra vires of the

Committee, the power of approving a site for a cinema ---- having been expressly delegated to it, under Section 37 of the Madras Town Planning Act.

10. Following the said proceedings of the Town Planning Committee the Commissioner also approved of the site by Order dated - --1946, a copy of which is - appended hereto.

11. The application for approval of a site for a building and for permission to construct it, is governed by the provisions of Section 197 of the Madras District Municipalities Act. The application in question complied with the provisions of Sub-Section (1) of the Section but no application was made under Sub-Section (2) thereof nor were the requirements of that Sub-Section complied with. The Commissioner acting under the - powers conferred on him by the District Municipalities Act could not approve of the site without ascertaining whether there were grounds for refusal to approve of - the site mentioned in Section 203. In fact before - approving the site or before granting permission to - construct, the Commissioner should have insisted upon a compliance with the requirements of Sub Section (2) of Section 197 and then the two applications under Section 197 should have been considered by him together with reference to Section 203 . Ground No.1 mentioned in Section 203 contemplates a refusal if the "use of - the site for the work" would contravene "some specified provision or any law".

Section 7 of the Madras places of Public Resort Act provides that the licensing authority before -

granting a license should be satisfied that no objection arising from the situation of the place or building of - the purpose proposed exists.

Section 4 of the Act provides that certain - requisites prescribed therein should be first ~~x~~complied with, and Section 5 makes it incumbent on the licensing authority to inspect the place before the application - made under Section 4 is granted. The provisions of - Sections 4, 5, 6 or 7 were not complied with in the present case.

12. By approving the sitelunder section 197 (1) alone, the Commissioner has practically precluded himself from exercising his powers and discretion under Section 7 of the Madras Places of Public Resort Act and under Section 203 of the District Municipalies Act. The approval given by the Executive Authority is under the circumstances illegal and opposed to the provisions of both the Madras District Municipalities Act and the - Madras Places of Public Resort Act.

13. Both the Town Planning Committee and the Commissioner were aware before they passed their respective Orders that there were numerous objections arising from the situation of the place and the intended purpose, yet their objections were not enquired into but the same were shelved for future consideration, as the limitations - attached to their respective orders would show. The objections came from the Rector and Principal of St. Aloysius' College, a large educational institution, the Mahila Sabha, the Superintendent of Government Training School for women, the Inspection of Schools, the Basel Mission

Colony in the neighbourhood and numerous residents of the locality including also parents of the school - children attending the St.Aloysius' College and the - Government Training School for women. In fact the - two important institutions for the benefit of women and children, namely the Mahila Sabha and the Training School are situated right in front of the proposed - site with only a road between. The objection of the petitioner as the Proprietor of the Maternity Nursing Home was utterly disregarded. The authorities failed to note that the erection of a cinema immediately - adjoining the maternity nursing home premises would - deprive the patients of the privacy, quiet and seclusion which they have so far enjoyed and which in the main encouraged purdah and Hindu Orthodox ladies to avail themselves of facilities for treatment given to them as in-patients and out-patients. The disturbance ~~xxxxx~~ noise and large crowds of people, often of an - undesirable kind, which a cinema entails and attracts will be a source of dis-comfort, disquiet and annoyance to the patients especially when they are in their labour pains and often in a critical state. No amount of safe-guards which the Executive Authority could - hereafter provide would mitigate the distress and discomfort of the ~~patients~~ patient's resulting from a cinema running for a considerable part of day and night within a few yards from the Nursing Home.

14. The Petitioners filed two appeals before the Municipal Council against the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee and of the Executive Authority respectively; both the appeals were heard together and were

dismissed by the Council on 2--9--1946 without going into the question of the legality or otherwise of the orders under appeal and without any regard to the numerous objections urged before them. A copy of the resolution is appended hereto.

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It is prayed that such controlling action may be taken.

It is also prayed that pending disposal of this petition, further procedings in the matter of grant of permission or licence to construct or run a cinema may also be held in abeyance.

(sd) L.Lobo.

Mangalore.
23rd Sept.1946

PETITIONER.

(TRUE COPY).

RAO BAHADUR
DR. M. KESAVA PAI, O.B.E., M.I

"MADHAV BAGH"
KADRI ROAD,
MANGALORE, S. KANARA.

8- 5- 1947.

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Minister for Law
Fort St.George,
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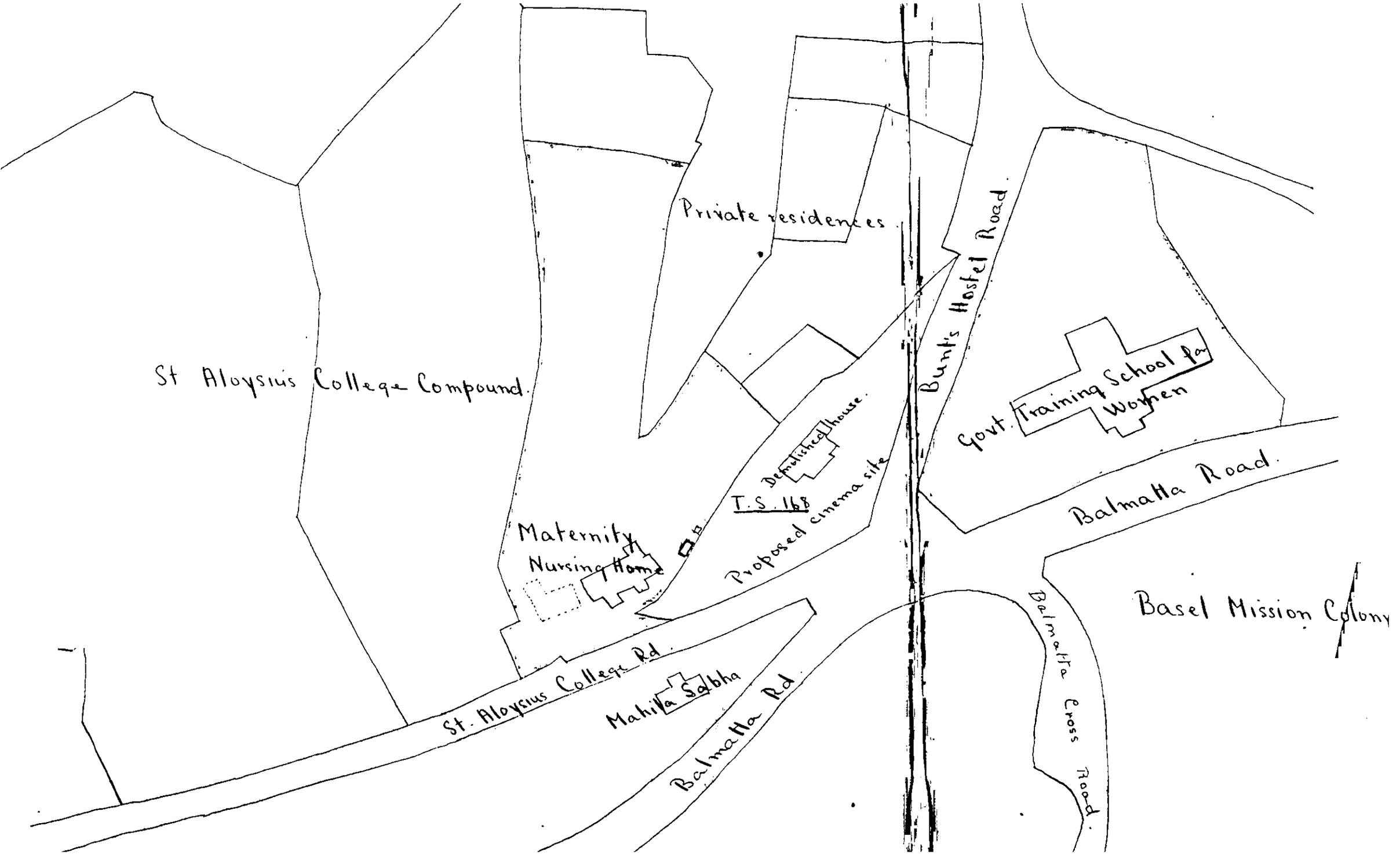
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To

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Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

Dear Madam,

Being highly aggrieved at the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, approving of the site T.S.No.168 in the accompanying plan for the erection of a Cinema, we beg to bring to your notice the following facts trusting to receive a sympathetic hearing.

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Besides all the hardships that will be caused by locating a Cinema in T.S.No. 168 we beg to point out that we have already in our town three theatres working and two almost completed. A sixth Cinema is absolutely superfluous.

We respectfully suggest that the site may be acquired by the Government for a girls' Hostel which is badly needed. The present rented building is too small and being far from the school is inconvenient for the girls especially during the heavy rains of Mangalore.

We request you most earnestly to inspect the site on your visit to Mangalore when you will be convinced of the authenticity of our grievances.

Trusting our petition will be sympathetically considered.

Mangalore,)
23- 11- 1946.) We remain,
Your obedient servants,

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35. P.Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road
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37. C.N.Pais, Manager, Kanara Timbers, Ltd., Mangalore
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43. Haji A.Baba, (Haji Abdul Khader Bava)
44. Dada Hajee Ebrahim Halari

45. Devidas Girdharlal, Prop.Chandrana Bris.

46. Vithalji Purushothom of Vithalji Madhavji

47. L.Rebello, wife of D.B.P.Rebello, Tile Manufacturer

48. C.L.Caldanha, L.D.Co.

49. Mary C. Brito, Dt.Food Committee Member

50. P.S.Karnacker, M.D.,D.S., Regd.Medical Practitioner

51. C.T.Devasia, Manager, Palai Central Bank

52. J.C.Coelho, Retd.Superintendent, Stores Dept.M.& S.M.

53. J.Ramachander (Rao Bahadur) Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge

54. M.Annappa, Retd.Cupdi, Imperial Bank of India, Mangalore

55. U.Lakshmana Shenoy, B.A.,L.T.

56. Greta Neri, Hon.Magistrate

57. D.M.Abubacker, Merchant, Dunder

58. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankanady

59. A.C.Mathai, M.A., Sanyasigudde

60. K.R.Karunaker,B.A.,B.L.,B.D.,Chairman, S.M.Dt.Church South Kanara & Inspector of S.M.Schools, S.Kanara and Coorg.

61. P.F.X.Caldanha & Sons, Highland Coffee Works

63. P.C.Lobo, Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge (Dewan Bahadur)

63. M.Chandramma, Dewan Bahadur Dangera's House

64. M.G.Kamath

65. Muktha Pandit, Guruprasad Bendore

66. Nagar Srinivas Rao, Merchant, Mangalore

67. S.C.Frank, Physical Instructor, St.Aloysius' College

68. M.Raghavendra Pai

69. J.A.Pinto, Coffee Planter

70. P.M.S.Kamath & Company

71. M.Srinivas, Merchant & Land-lord, Hampankatta

72. T.Correa, Candle Garden

73. V.A.Nazareth, Coffee Planter

74. Benedict Neri

75. Alexander Correa, Merchant, Candle Garden

76. C.Correa, Merchant, Candle Garden

77. M.Vasudeva Nayak, C.K.W.House

78. B.Coelho, Asst.C.T.O.Mangalore

79. V.Vamen Shenoy, Prop.Ideal Jewellery House

80. J.B.Braggs, Pensioner, Balmatta Road

81. N.H.Gopalkrishna Baliga, Retd.Sub Registrar

82. B.Ananda Baliga, Retd.Dy.Collector, Sturrock Road

83. M.V.Kudva, Merchant, Mangalore

84. C.B.Colaco, Sylvan Lodge, Kankanady, Mangalore

85. A.Vijayanke B.Sc., London, M.M.I.C.E. Ceylon

86. S.Raja Ram, Dental Surgeon

87. Thomas D'Souza, Jeppoo, Mangalore

88. C.A.Furtado, Headmaster, D.B.M.High School

89. C.P.Kamath, M.B.B.S., Hon.Asst.M.O.

90. Mr.C.A.Pais 'Dabavern' Balmatta

91. R.G.Kalekerkar, Advocate

92. Mrs.I.Saldanha, Martinest, Hilagres

93.C.P.Monteiro, Secretary, Catholic Bank, Mangalore

94.M.B.Colaco, Treasurer, .do.

95.L.J.Soans, Photographer, Lighthouse Hill

96.P.Narayan Rao, M.B.B.S., L.C. Kadri Road

97-M.Nagappa Pai, Regd.Medical Practitioner

98.C.J.D'Souza,Builder & Contractor, Upper Bendur,Mangalo

99.A.D Souza, Retd.Telegraph Officer, Kankanady

100.J.M.Colaco,M.B.B.S.,Radiologist Mr.Muller's, Kankanady

101.J.M.Pinto, Coffee Planter, Virajepet House,Vas Lane

102.U.Kannappa, Retd.D.E;O., Mangalore

103.A.A.Saldanha, Coffee Planter, Bunts' Hostel Road

104.L.Mascarenhas,(Mrs.M.C.Mascarenhas) Light House Hill

105.C.M.Tellis, Falnir, Mangalore

106.E.Fernandes, Jeppoo, Mangalore

107.U.Ramaraya Bhat, Bejai, Mangalore.

108.K.Narayan Shenoy, Konchadi.

FROM

THE KARNATAKA THEATRES, LIMITED,
"JAYANTH BUILDINGS,"
M A N G A L O R E.

H.P.M. in connection with the cinema theatre in Mangalore. KD 3/6/47.

TO

THE HON. PRIME MINISTER,
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

We beg to introduce ourselves as a public limited liability Company. The Company had been incorporated in October 1945 with the primary object of promoting the film industry and particularly to construct and own picture houses both in urban and rural areas of the district.

2. In pursuance thereof the Company has purchased four sites in the district, roughly at a cost of one lac of rupees.

3. The site at Mangalore which costed us about Rs62,000/- was purchased on the 6th April 1946. Immediately thereon, the Company applied to the Municipality for approval of the site to build a cinema theatre. While the application was pending enquiry one Dr. (Miss) Lobo, the owner of the adjoining compound who has a private nursing home with 3 or 4 beds, called on the Secretary of the Company, with a request that the Company may sell to her 11½ cents of land abutting and projecting into her compound. Negotiations failed and it was only then that Dr. (Miss) Lobo filed her

objections before the Town Planning Committee and began actively to canvass the support from the residents of the locality. We beg to emphasize that there was no agitation against this theatre till then. The agitation in question was inspired and sustained by Dr. (Miss) Lobo and that too obviously for private reasons. After the Departmental enquiries were over, the matter was placed before the Town Planning Committee and later on before the Municipal Council, who having heard lawyers on either sides and as well as other objectors, finally approved the site, for the construction of the Theatre by a overwhelming majority only the Catholic members voting against both in the Town Planning Committee and later in the Municipal Council.

4. A word about the objection of the Rector and the Principal of the St. Aloysius College is necessary. We understand that Rev. Fr. Rector has objected for this site being given for the Cinema theatre on the ground that the site in question is about 50 yards away from one of the Boys' Hostel belonging to the St. Aloysius' College. The Rev. Fr. Rector is not correct in stating that the plot in question is about 50 yards from the new hostel which he has opened. Moreover, the site in question was purchased long after we purchased the plot for our theatres. The bonafides of the objections of the Rev. Fr. Rector has to be seriously doubted when we note that when another theatre is being built within about 50 yards from the main hostel of the College and that has not been objected to by the Rev. Fr. Rector. In the main Hostel we understand there are over 300 students whereas in the new hostel there are just about 15 to 20 students. Why the Rev. Fr.

Rector has particularly chosen to object to this cinema is worth enquiring into. There is little doubt that these objections of the Rev. Fr. Rector has been inspired by Dr. (Miss) Lobo, whose family, we understand, has very heavily donated to the College funds and the very site of the college has been donated by them.

5. Here we may point out how other theatres in the Town are situated. The Central Talkies at Hampankatta is barely 50 yards from the Government College and is almost facing it. The Government College Hostel is well within 50 yards from the theatre. The Government Women's Hospital is barely 25 yards from that Theatre. The Balaji Talkies near Car Street is right across the Mission High School with only a narrow road dividing them. The New Chitra Talkies also is situated at the end of the same street about 50 yards from the Mission High School. A new theatre is being built by Mr. Vittaldas Pai, almost within 50 yards from the Ganapathy High School and about the same distance from Government Women's Hospital. There is also a Saraswat Hostel adjoining the Ganapathy High School.

6. While the Bishop of Mangalore has not objected to the Theatre on the Karnad Sadashivarao Road, which is under construction, even though it is hardly 50 to 60 yards, from the Codialbail Church, where the biggest Chapel is situated and where the Bishop himself resides, it is strange that the Basel Mission Church people whose chapel is over 2 furlongs away from our proposed theatre should object, when as a matter of fact their Chapel is hardly 20 yards away from the huge Press and their

Hosiery Factory, where over 500 people are employed.

7. The Government having rejected the appeal of Dr. (Miss Lobo) the Commissioner has issued the building licence on 13-5-1947. Obviously on finding the weakness of her agitation on the grounds urged before the Municipality and before the Government, Dr. (Miss) Lobo had added a second string to her bow. She seems to have persuaded her friend and a member of her community Miss A. Itera, Superintendent, Government Training School for Women for agitating that the plot in question should be acquired for the purpose of constructing a Girls' Hostel for the students of the training school. The method and manner of the new move throws a flood of light on the bonafides of this move. The fact that the agitation was started after we purchased the plot and that after the negotiation between us and Dr. (Miss) Lobo failed is quite significant. The Government Training School is a Day School and 95% of the students have residences in the Town and this agitation for a hostel, we feel, is manufactured for the purpose of attaining the objective of Dr. (Miss) Lobo. In this connection Dr. (Miss) Lobo has been successfully harnessing the co-operation of a few well-placed citizens of this place. The analysis of the list of supporters of Dr. (Miss) Lobo will satisfy any one that they could be broadly classified into two groups. The first and the prominent group consists of Dr. (Miss) Lobo, her relations and friends backed up by the friends and relatives of the existing theatre owners, who apprehend that the construction of this new theatre with a chain of theatres in the district sponsored by eminent people of the district may affect their trade considerably.

Most of the so-called philanthrophists are no more than the advocates of this clique. We pray that their credentials may be scrutinised.

8. If the agitation for the Girls' Hostel is bonafide, there are other ideal spots for the Hostel. Behind the Training School and in continuation of the compound there is one of the loveliest spots of Mangalore, high placed, quiet, breezy and most secluded Again on the eastern side of the school and in the same compound contiguous, and adjoining the Training School, there is a large plot of plain land most beautifully situated. It is an extensive plot, which could be utilised both for a hostel for the Girls and a play-ground for children. Even the cost of acquisition may not be much as there are no big buildings in the plot. One wonders, why our friends, who profess to be so solicitous about the welfare of our girls should miss these plots and cast covetous glances on the plot purchased by the Karnataka Theatres. The Hon. Prime Minister may kindly note that the proposed plot of the theatre is a narrow strip of plot separated from the School by a busy road. It is cut away from the school and the road that separates the two is one having the busiest traffic. More than anything else, there is a Boys' Hostel very close to the proposed plot for the hostel. The St. Aloysius' College subsidiary Hostel is situated about 10 yards from this place. In between that Hostel Compound and this plot there is only Dr. (Miss) Lobo's Nursing Home intervening. It is for the Hon. Prime Minister to consider how advisable it would be to have a Girls' Hostel almost adjoining the

Boys' Hostel. The anxiety to deprive the Karnataka Theatres of this plot has blinded the agitators about the propriety of such a move. We again impress on the Prime Minister that it would be inadvisable to locate the Girls' Hostel in the proposed plot. We beg leave to emphasise the fact that the agitation in question is a malafide one without the least regard for the interest of our Girls. The Training School and the lady pupils are made a pawn in the game.

9. We regret to note that in this agitation, Dr. (Miss) Lobo has the influential support of the Deputy Director of Public Instructions, Mr. Jerald Lobo, a close relation of Dr. (Miss) Lobo. He is the maternal uncle of Dr. (Miss) Lobo.

10. We understand that a lengthy telegram has been sent to the Government alleging that the public of Mangalore are protesting against the action of the Government in granting a licence to us. It was alleged that there was a public meeting protesting against the said action. We make bold to assure the Hon. Prime Minister that the alleged public meeting was only a fake and make-believe. The said public meeting was attended by not over a dozen persons. It was a manourvred and manipulated one. There was neither public sympathy nor response to the same.

11. We respectfully invite the Hon. Prime Minister, not to curtail public liberties and rights. The opinion of the Public has been properly reflected by the decision of the Town Planning Committee and the Municipal Council. We also invite the Hon. Prime Minister to call for the

opinions of the M.L.As. of the District and the President of the District Congress Committee. They, as our representatives would be able to place before the Government how exactly the public is reacting to the manouvres of Dr. (Miss)Lobo. We regret to note that Dr. (Miss) Lobo and her mother Mrs. Lobo, have fully exploited and taken advantage of their position in life and the respect and chivalry due to well-placed ladies. We also invite the attention of the Hon. Prime Minister to the fact, that it is just and necessary that he should visit the place and satisfy himself as to the appropriateness or otherwise of acquiring this plot as against the other two plots suggested by us, in the light of the circumstances aforesaid by us.

12. We understand that Dr. (Miss) Lobo and her supporters have stated in the aforesaid public meeting that they have assured the Government to collect donations of Rs20,000/- and that they would persuade the Government to acquire the plot for Rs40,000/-. From this we presume that Dr. (Miss) Lobo has been impressing on the Government that the plot in question is worth only about Rs40,000/- and so has been tempting the Government with the offer of a donation of Rs20,000/- from the public. The bonafides of this offer remains to be tested. We feel that it is only a thin end of the wedge with a view to persuade the Government to acquire this plot willy-nilly. If they are genuinely anxious for a Girls' Hostel, it certainly would not matter much, which plot it is, so long as the site is a good one. They cannot be particular about this site.

13. Dr. (Miss) Lobo is not correct when she says that the plot in question could be acquired for ₨40,000. This representation made by Dr. (Miss) Lobo, if true, is deliberately made with a view to deceive the Government as regards the cost of acquisition. The plot was purchased in 1946 for ₨58,000/- and we had to incur over ₨3,000/- as stamp fees, registration fee, etc. It costed us about ₨62,000/-. In between 1946-47 there has been a steep rise in the value of plots in Mangalore Town and to-day the plot in question would be easily worth over a lakh of rupees. We had offers for this plot for over a lakh of rupees. Apart from the price of the land, we have spent considerable amount over the plot. We had engaged the services of the well-known Madras Architect, Mr. L. M. Chitale, F. R. I.B.A., F.I.I.A., A.M.T.P.I., Chartered Architect, Madras, for preparing a detailed blue-print and estimates for the theatre. He has visited the place three times and submitted the blue-prints, plans, drawings and estimates. We have already paid him as his remuneration ₨5,000/- and as per the agreement we may have to pay him about another ₨5,000/- excluding his T.A. Apart from this, tenders for the construction of the theatre has been called by our Architect, Mr. Chitale, and contracts have been entered into with Sri B. M. Raghunatha Shetty, a leading Contractor in the district for the construction of the theatre, at an estimated cost of ₨1,85,000/-. We have proceeded with the work after the Municipality had approved the site. There was no stay and so reasonably expect that the decision of the local authority, as in other cases would not be interfered with by the Government. The Contractor had spent large amounts for collection of building materials

and in turn has entered into terms with others. He has appointed a technical man. Our Company has already purchased 100 tons of cement at a cost of over ₨6,500/-. The licence has been issued to us on 13-5-1947. The foundation work has begun and has progressed considerably. Large quantities of material have been brought to the site. The work had to be proceeded with, in full speed as the monsoon is likely to commence very shortly in the district. If there is breach of contract at this stage, we may have to pay huge damages to the contractor.

14. We have placed orders for machinery costing over ₨35,000/- in respect of huge advances have been paid. If we are compelled to cancel the same, we will suffer heavy loss.

15. We have also incurred over ₨2,867-6-0 as travelling and other incidental expenses.

16. The above circumstances, we have traced in detail to convince the Hon. Prime Minister that the acquisition of this plot would entail considerable cost, not less than a lakh and a half, which amount will be disproportionate to its utility.

17. We finally pray that the Hon. Prime Minister may be pleased to inspect the proposed plot along with the other plots suggested by us and may be pleased to pass final orders after personal inspection.

We beg to remain,

Yours obediently,

Mangalore,)
- -.1947.)

FOR THE KARNATAKA T[illegible]
For JANASONS[illegible]
Managing Agents,

cretary.

Copy of Pub ic Memorial sent to the Dist.Collector on 8.10.48.

To

The Collector and District Magistrate,
South Kanara,
Mangalore.

Sir,

We, the residents of Kankanady, Maroli, Padav, Kadri, Kodiyalbail and Attavar beg to place before you the following facts relating to the construction of a Cinema Theatre in Balmatta, Mangalore, for sympathetic consideration and necessary action.

2. It is needless for us to submit, as Your Honour is already well aware that in Mangalore Town, the pioneers of Cinema line have not been fair to us inasmuch as they have not so far thought of establishing even a single Cinema Theatre at a place convinient and within the easy reach of our localities,but here concentrating their attention in congested areas which are far away from our factories and residences. We venture to submit that besides the three theatres which are already running on the western side of the Town, two more are under construction at places not very far from the existing ones.

3. We submit that most of the respectable citizens have moved to Kankanady, Kadri, Kodiyalbail and Padav Villages on account of the incidence of Filaria and other epidemics such as plague, cholera,small-pox etc. in the localities situated to the west of the roads converging north and south of Hampankatta junction.

4. We submit that nearly three fourths of the population of Mangalore Town live in Kankanady, Kadri, Padav,Karoli and in portions of Kodiyalbail and Attavar Villages situated to the north of Hampankatta junction. Further Your Honour is already aware that most of the Godowns and other factories are situated in the above said area and that these labourers are also having no recreation of any kind except attending Cinemas now and then. These labourers find it very difficult to walk upto the existing cinemas after their day's work as they are in some cases working or residing more than three miles away. Even if they do so,they find it very late when they return home after attending the Show.

5. We submit that there are a number of hostels in the above-said area and these students find it difficult to attend the Shows in the existing theatres as they have to walk the distance to and from the existing theatres or pay heavily for conveyance. We may also submit that more than half the number of lawyers reside in the ab vesaid area.

6. Further, ladies and children in these areas have to forego their recreation as the conveyance charges now prevailing is prohibitive to attend the existing cinemas. Moreover,they also find it inconvinient to attend shows in these localities on account of heavy traffic and congestion.

7. We learn that the owners of theatres, limited are thinking of constructing a Cinema theatre at the junction of five roads in Balmatta and in our opinion there is no other locality so conviniently situated to us. The site for the location of the theatre would be ideal viewing it from all aspects of the questions,health,traffic and proximity of distance.

We, therefore, pray that you may be pleased to grant all such facilities to them as are necessary to expeditiously construct the Cinema Theatre at the Ballantine corner.

True Copy.

Sri S.Shanker Alva, B.Sc.(Edin) Rotd. Forest Officer.
K.Narasimha Hegde, Mangalore Electric Supply Co.,Ltd.
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Ananda Shetty Irmady, B.A.,B.L.
P.J.Shetty, B.A.(Hons) B.L.
M.Krishna Shetty, Patel
K.P.Hegde, Advocate
K.Narayana ,Tailor
H.Dasanna Alva, Vakil
k.Krishna Hegde
B.Seetharama Shetty, Planters Lane
Y.Narayana Rai, S.R.S.Home, Kadri
J.S.Bajpe, do.
B.V.Shetty do.
B.S.Krishtappa Shetty, B.Com., Kadri
N.S.Shetty, Agent. C.I.B.S.,Ltd.
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P.M.Hegde, G.D.A.,R.A., Auditor
K.Babu Rao, Advocate
P.Janardhan Rao, Advocate
K.Krishna Shetty, Dt.Board Member
B.R.Adyanthaya
B.Shambhu Shetty
U.Rama Naik, Prop.Suvasini Beedi Works, Kadri
A.Damodar Kamath, Merchant
K.Mahabala Shetty, B.A.,B.L., Secretary, Vijaya Bank,Ltd
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N.S.Krishna Rao, Kadri
Janardhan Bhandary, Balmatta
K.Srinvasa Hegde
K.J.Achar , Kadri
S.Subbanna Shetty
K.Uggappa Shetty, B.A.,B.L., Advocate
B.Krishna Rai
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M.Jagathchandra Shetty
B.Rathnasabhapathy Shetty
K.Chandu
K.Srinivasa Rao, Coffee Hotel, Kadri
P.Venkat Rao, Kadri
P.Ramakrishna Rao, Sri Ram Pharmacy, Mangalore
K.Narayana Hegde,
K.Ramachandra Shetty, Pintos Lane
K.Narmappaya, Kadri Temple
M.Vittal Kini, Kodialbail
Lakshmana Shenoy
B.S.Prabhu, Merchant, Padavu
M.M,Bhandary, Agent, Vijaya Bank,Ltd
K.Keshava Prabhu, Merchant
K.S.Kolkebail, Karangalpady.
M.Jayarama Shetty
Sadananda Pallal, Kankanady
H.Manjaya Shetty, Kodialbail
B.Ravichandra Hegde, Kankanady
H.Karunakara Pallal
B.Devappa, Soda Factory
J.A.Suvarna, Konchady
P.Anandachary, Bajoy
U.Giriappa Nayak
B.Gopalkrishna Shetty, Kadri
B.Vishwanatha Alva, Konchady
A.Subraya, Dt.Process Server
T.V.Hegde, B.A.,L.T.
K.Manjunatha Joishy
H.D.Suvarna, Kadri
V.H.Hegde, B.A.,
Nomiraj Alva, L.M.& S.
K.G.H.Chandary, H.B.A.S.,
M.N.Chouta, B.A.,B.L.
K.Shambhu Hegde, Kodialguthu
L.Lasrado, Balmatta

K.S.N.Adiga, Advocate
M.Isham Bhat, Kadri
Jagannivas Kelkar
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M.K.Ghate
K.E.Hegde, M.A.B.S.
A.S.Punja, B.A.,B.L.
B.Thimmappa Rai
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K.Jagannath Hegde
K.Keti Poojary
T.Lokanna Shetty
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M.Upendra Pai
T.M.Cowan
A.Ramaya Alva
M.K.Kamath
B.Chandappa Naik
Josaline Ananths,Balmatta
J.M.D' Sa, Kankanady
P.Pinto, Balmatta
William Chandran, Photographer, Balmatta
Victor D' Souza, Upper Bendore
K.Vasudeva Rao, Balmatta
A.Kamalaksha Pai, Balmatta
Abdul Khader, Balmatta
John Salins, Balmatta
P.C.V.Raju, Bendore
K.C.Kunhi Raman, Jeppoo
B.Babu Shetty, Indra Bhavan
K.N.Vellody, Bendore
Manjappa Uchil
Jerome Rodrigues, Kannanady
M.N.Shankar, Bendore
G.P.Mascarenhas,balmatta
B.Anantha Rao, B.A.,B.L
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M.Vasudeva Rao

Educational Department.

R.O.C.No.795 G/47. Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Cathedral P.O., Madras, Dated 20th May 1947.

From

Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, M.A.,D.Sc.,I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, M a d r a s.

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May be added with main file and return from circulation and noted on.

K. N. 20/5/47

Sir,

SUB: Land - Mangalore - T.S.No.168 - Acquisition for the Government Secondary and Training School for Women for hostel - Memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister from the 2x citizens of Mangalore - Submitted.

43088.

REF: G.O.No.Ms.1256, Public Health, dated 16-4-47.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the Memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, from the Committee appointed at a public meeting of the citizens of Mangalore and to state as follows:-

In my letters R.O.C.No.9678 G3/46 dated 6-12-46 and 7-3-47 I have already explained at length the undesirability of permitting the construction of a cinema theatre so near to an educational institution for girls in a purely residential locality. Further,

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the acquisition of this site, viz., T.S.No.168 for the construction of hostels for the Government Secondary and Training School is absolutely essential. The hostel is now held in a rented building away from the school, which is quite unsuitable for various reasons, and the accommodation is quite inadequate. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the hostel should be shifted from its present place, but no other building is reported to be available. T.S.No.168 is the only plot of land suitable for the purpose, and if this is not acquired, there will be no chance for a suitable hostel for the school.

I therefore request that Government may be pleased to reconsider their orders and to acquire the land in question for the Government Secondary and Training School for Women, Mangalore. It is reported that the cost of acquisition will be about Rs.56,000/-.

S.K.M. Sawoor.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.

cs. 20/5.

The proposal to acquire the site referred to in the D.P.I. for the use of Govt. Training school for Mangalore has been raised by Hon (Edn) and H.P.M. has ordered to acquire it. The matter is in circulation. This may be placed to it in the note.

27/5/57

To

The Hon'ble The Prime Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George,
M a d r a s.

Memorandum submitted by the Committee appointed at a public meeting of the Citizens of Mangalore held on the 6th May 1947 and constituted of the following ladies and gentlemen whose designations are as mentioned below -

1. Sri A.Srinivasa Pai, B.A.,B.L., President of the Meeting - Retired Advocate, Retired President of the Canara High School and of the Canara Girls' School Council, Retired President of the Canara Bank, Ltd., etc. - now a member of the Council of the Besant National Girls' High School - Social Worker.

2. Mrs. P.C.Lobo - wife of Dewan Bahadur P.C.Lobo, Retired District & Sessions Judge.

3. Mrs. E. Soans - wife of the Retired District Registrar of South Kanara- Committee Member of the Mahila Sabha, Vice President of the Bhagini Samaj, etc. - Social Worker.

4. Sri R.R.Talcherkar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate.

5. Sri M.Venkatesh Pai - Banker, Hon. Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Mangalore District Branch and of the St. John's Ambulance Association, Hon. Secretary of the Hindu Seva Sangha, Hon.Secretary, Hindusthan Scout Association, etc. - Social Worker

6. Rao Bahadur Dr.M.Keshava Pai, O.B.E., Retired Civil Surgeon once Chairman of the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society - President of the Canara High School and Canara Girls' School Council, President, Besant National Girls' High School Council, Vice President, Depressed Classes Mission; President, South Kanara Branch of the Madras Welfare Fund; President, Hindusthan Scout Association, South Kanara District Branch, etc. - Social Worker.

1. The Mangalore Municipal Council approved of the site T.S. No. 168 of the Court Ward of the Municipality for the construction of a Cinema Theatre. The site is situated in a residential area and till its purchase by the Karnataka Theatres was used for a residential house only.

2. The site is situated between the Government Training School for Women on the East, the Mahila Sabha on the South and the Maternity Home of Dr. Miss. Lobo on the West, all of these being institutions used by school girls and women of Mangalore.

3. Ever since 1928 attempts were made by successive Superintendents of the Training School for Women and by successive Inspectresses of Girls' Schools to acquire the site for a hostel for the girls and pupil teachers of the school.

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This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:

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Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT.

RAO BAHADUR
M. GIRIAPPA, B.A.

'HIGH-LAND HOUSE'
KANKAUNDY
(S. KANARA)

Dated, 8. 7. 1947

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PREMIER
9 JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Hon'ble Sri O.P.Ramaswami Reddiar,
Premier, Government of Madras,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

26 JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Sir,

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"KARNATAKA THEATRES CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSED CONSIDERABLY. GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE NOW UNDESIRABLE. PUBLIC -STRONGLY APPROVE PRESENT THEATRE SITE"

Hope the Government will not go against public opinion in this case.

Yours faithfully,

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HON'BLE PREMIER
26 JUL 1947
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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The return file main file from circulation may be awaited.

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JUL 1947
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Yours sincerely
M. Kesava Pai

J.S., P.H.

Has not this question been considered already by the ex-Ministry (P.H) and orders passed thereon? The points raised here, may be examined

13/5/47
M-(P-H).

To

The Hon'ble The Prime Minister,
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Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Dated 5- 194 7.

To

The Hon'ble Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
14 MAY 1947
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DR. M. KESAVA PAI, O.B.E., M.D.

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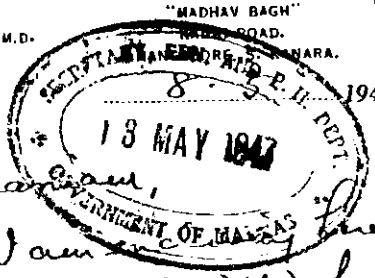

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I do hope Government will
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quiet & freedom from evil enticements
should be sought.

A girls' hostel is a
crying necessity, as described in the
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thought of than the one proposed for
Cinema

Yours sincerely
M. Kesava Pai

To

The Hon'ble The Prime Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
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Your humble memorialists,

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)
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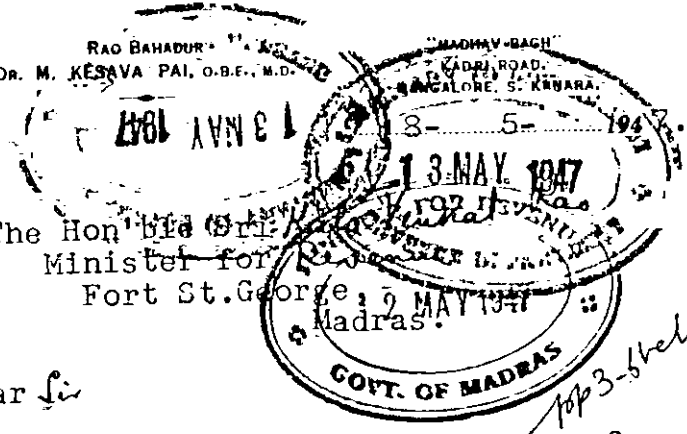

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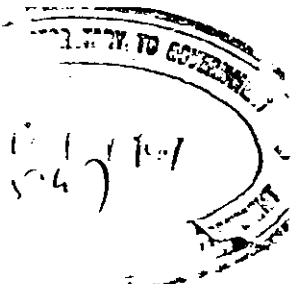

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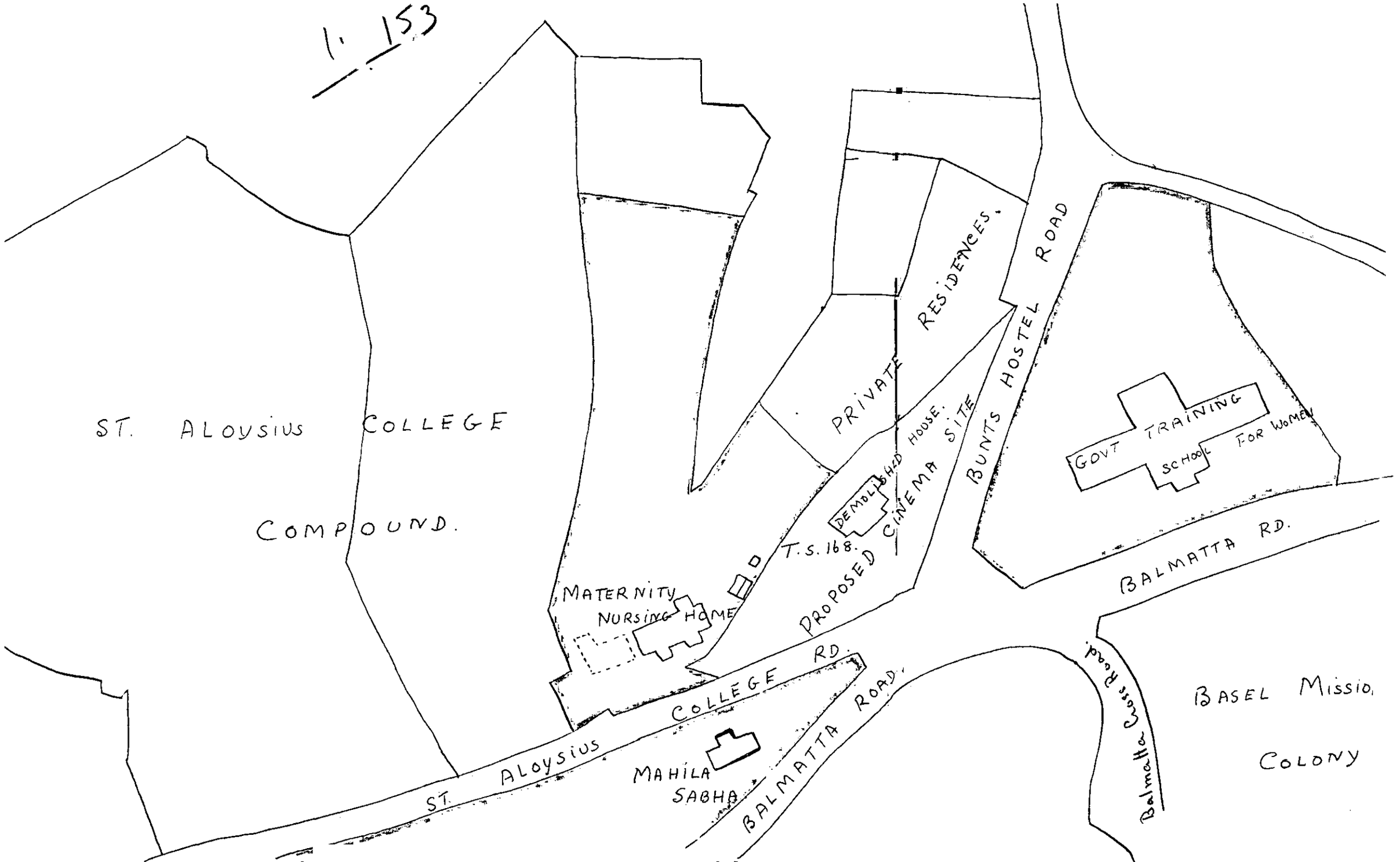
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PROPOSED CINEMA SITE
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MATERNITY NURSING HOME
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MAHILA SABHA
BALMATTA ROAD.
Balmatta Cross Road
BASEL MISSION
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To

The Hon'ble Srimathi Rukmine Lakshmipathy,
Minister for Health,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

Dear Madam,

Being highly aggrieved at the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, approving of the site T.S.No.168 in the accompanying plan for the erection of a Cinema, we beg to bring to your notice the following facts trusting to receive a sympathetic hearing.

T.S.No.168 is situated in a purely residential area and is between the Government Training School for Women, the Mahila Sabha and the Glenview Maternity Nursing Home. All the three Institutions sent protests to the Commissioner as soon as they heard that an application was made for approval of the said Cinema site. Objection petitions were also sent by the parents of girls attending the Women's Training School, parents of boys attending St. Aloysius' College and by the neighbouring residents. We heard that the Superintendent of the Women's Training School, the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the Rector of St. Aloysius' College and the Basel Mission Colony also sent in their protests to the Commissioner. We were shocked to find that all the petitions were ignored and the Commissioner passed an order approving of the site.

If a Cinema should be located in T.S.No.168 women and children will be the greatest sufferers. It will deprive them of the privacy and freedom they

have hither-to enjoyed in going up and down the St. Aloysius' College road to the Mahila Sabha, Nursing Home and Ladies' Club. It will also hinder them from going for fresh air to the tip of the Light House Hill which is the only open space in the heart of the Town where convalescent women and children have hither-to resorted to freely.

The Training School is separated from T.S.No.168 only by a road. The Cinema will be a constant source of distraction to the little children in the Women's Training School and a source of nuisance and danger to the grown-up students. There will be absolutely no privacy in the school compound with a Cinema next door. Up to now all classes of girls have been going to and from school unattended but with undesirable people who inevitable loiter round a Cinema, parents will find it impossible to send their girls unescorted.

The Mahila Sabha also is separated from T.S.No.168 only by a road. The chief object of the Mahila Sabha is the uplift and education of women and young girls who have no other facilities for education. The building has also come to be used as the chief centre of the I.W. C.C. Its vast grounds attract ladiesin the evenings for out-door games also. A Cinema facing this building will deprive it of all privacy, Ladies will not use it as freely as heretofore if the only road by which they can get there becomes the frontage of a Cinema with the attendant shops and stalls.

The Maternity Nursing Home has filled a long felt

want. Dr. Miss Bobo is the only private lady doctor in the Town. Her Nursing Home is the only private Nursing Home with a resident lady doctor and it is staffed entirely by women. The confidence inspired by her and the privacy of the surroundings have induced women of all castes and creeds and even very orthodox Hindu and Muslim women to go the Nursing Home to get treatment and antenatal care. The Nursing Home premises adjoins T.S.No.168 on two whole sides and the building itself is in some places within a few feet of T.S.No.168. The evitable noise and commotion outside the Cinema Hall might after night will cause great disturbance to the patients especially during labour.

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The neighbouring residents too are highly aggrieved at the attempt to thrust a Cinema Theatre in their midst when it will be a cause of nuisance to them and when no-one wants it except the shareholders of the Company.

Besides all the hardships that will be caused by locating a Cinema in T.S.No. 168 we beg to point out that we have already in our town three theatres

working and two almost completed. A sixth Cinema is absolutely superfluous.

We respectfully suggest that the site may be acquired by the Government for a girls' hostel which is badly needed. The present rented building is too small and being far from the school is inconvenient for the girls especially during the heavy rains of Mangalore.

We request you most earnestly to inspect the site on your visit to Mangalore when you will be convinced of the authenticity of our grievances.

Trusting our petition will be sympathetically considered.

We remain,
Your obedient servants,

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1. K.S. Shanta Bai, Lady Superintendent, Ishwarananda Mahila Sevashram, Kadri.
2. Mrs. Krishna Moorthy, President, Ladies' Club.
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4. M. Lilabai, President, Bhagini Samaj.
5. Lucy Sreshta, Hon.Secretary, Ladies' Club.
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9. A. Gonsalves, Lighthouse Hill.
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13. S. Venkat Rao, Vakil. Lighthouse Hill, Mangalore.

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27. J. Fernandes, Compounder. - do -

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32. C.N.Nemiraja Padival.

33. M.Leela Devi, Jail Road.

34. K.B.Jinaraja,Hegde, Advocate, ex-M.L.A.,(Central).

35. P.Vasudeva.Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road.

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39. N.Abubin Thandel Abdul Rahiman (Canarese).

40. Ahmed Bin Ali, Bunder, Mangalore.

41. R. Gupta, Merchant, Mangalore.

42. F.P.S.Albuquerque, Tile Manufacturer.

43. Haji A. Baba, (Haji Abdul Khader Bava).

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46. Vithalji Purushotham of Vithalji Madhavji.

47. L. Rebello, wife of S.B.P.Rebello, Tile Manufacturer.

48. G.L.Saldanha, L.D.Sc.

49. Mary G. Britto, Dt. Food Committee Member.

50. P.S.Karnadkar, M.B.,B.S., Regd.Medical Practitioner.

51. C.T.Devasia, Manager, Palai Central Bank.

52. J.C.Coelho, Retd.Superintendent, Stores Dept.M.& S.M.

53. J.Ramachander, (Rao Bahadur) Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge.

54. M.Annappa, Retd.Supt,Imperial Bank of India Mangalore.

55. U.Lakshmana Shenoy, B.A.,L.L.,

56. Greta Neri, Hon. Magistrate.,

57. B.M.Abubacker, Merchant, Bunder.

58. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankanady.

59. A.C.Mathai, M.A. Sanyasiguddi.

60. K.R.Karunaker, B.A.,B.L.,B.D., Chairman, B.M.Dt.Church. South Kanara and Inspector of B.M.Schools, S.Kanara, and Coorg.

61. P.F.X.Saldanha & Sons, Highland Coffee Works.

62. P.C.Lobo, Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge (Dewan Bahadur).

63. M.Chandramma, Dewan Bahadur Bangara's House.

64. M.G.Kamath.

65. Muktha Pandit,'Guruprasad' Bendore.,

66. Nagar Srinivas Rao, Merchant, Mangalore.

67. S.C.Frank, Physical Instructor, St.Aloysius' College.

68. M. Raghavendra Pai.

69. J.A.Pinto, Coffee Planter.

70. P.N.S.Kamath & Company.

71. N.Srinivas, Merchant & Landlord, Hampankatta.

72. T. Correa, Candle-garden.

73. V. A. Nazareth, Coffee Planter.

74. Benedict Heri.

75. Alexander Correa, Merchant, Candle-garden.

76. G. Correa, Merchant, Candle Garden.

77. M. Vasudeva Nayak, S.K.N.House.

78. B. Coelho, Asst,GT.S. Mangalore.

79. V. Vaman Shenoy, Propr.Ideal Jewellery House.

80. J.B.Braggs, Pensioner, Balmatta Road.

81. N.M.Gopalkrishna Baliga, Retd,Sub-Registrar.

82. B. Ananda Baliga, Retd.Dy.Collector, Sturrock Road.

83. M.V.Kudva, Merchant, Mangalore.

84. G.B.Colaco, "Sylvan Lpdge' Kankanady, Mangalore.

85. A. Vijayanake B.Sc., London, A.M.I.C.E. Ceylon.

86. S.Raja Ram, Dental Surgeon.

87. Thomas B'Souza Jeppu, Mangalore.

88. S.A.Furtado, Headmaster, B.E.M.High School.

89. C.P.Kamath, M.B.B.S., Hon.Asst.M.O.

90. Mr. E.A.Pais, 'Babsvern' Balmatta.

91. R.R.Talcherkar, Advocate,

92. Mrs.I.Saldanha, Martinest, Milagres.

93. C.P.Monteiro, Secretary, Catholic Bank,Mangalore.

94. M.B.Colaco, Treasurer, Catholic Bank, Mangalore.

95. E.B.Soans, Photographer, Lighthouse Hill.

96. P.Narayan Rao, M.B.B.S., L.C. Kadri Road.

97. M.Nagappa Pai, Regd.Medical Practitioner.

98. C.J.D'Souza, Builder & Contractor, Upper Bendore, Mangalore,

99. A. D'Souza, Retd.Telegraph Officer, Kankanady.

100. J.M.Colaco, M.B.B.S., Radiologist, Fr.Mullers, Kankanady.

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102. U. Kannappa, Retd.D.E.O. Mangalore.

103. A.A.Saldanha, Coffee Planter, Bunts' Hostel Road.

104. L. Mascarenhas (Mrs.W.E.Mascaronhas) Lighthouse Hill.

105. G.M.Tellis, Falnir, Mangalore.

106. E. Fernandes, Jeppoo, Mangalore,

107. U. Ramaraya Bhat, Bejai, Mangalore.

108. K. Narayan Shenoy, Konchadi.

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Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
M a d r a s.

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N O T I C E.

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All well-wishers of the aforesaid Training School are requested kindly to attend the meeting.

Sd/- A.Srinivasa Pai
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" U.C.S.Bhat,B.A.,B.L.
" Dattatriya Rao
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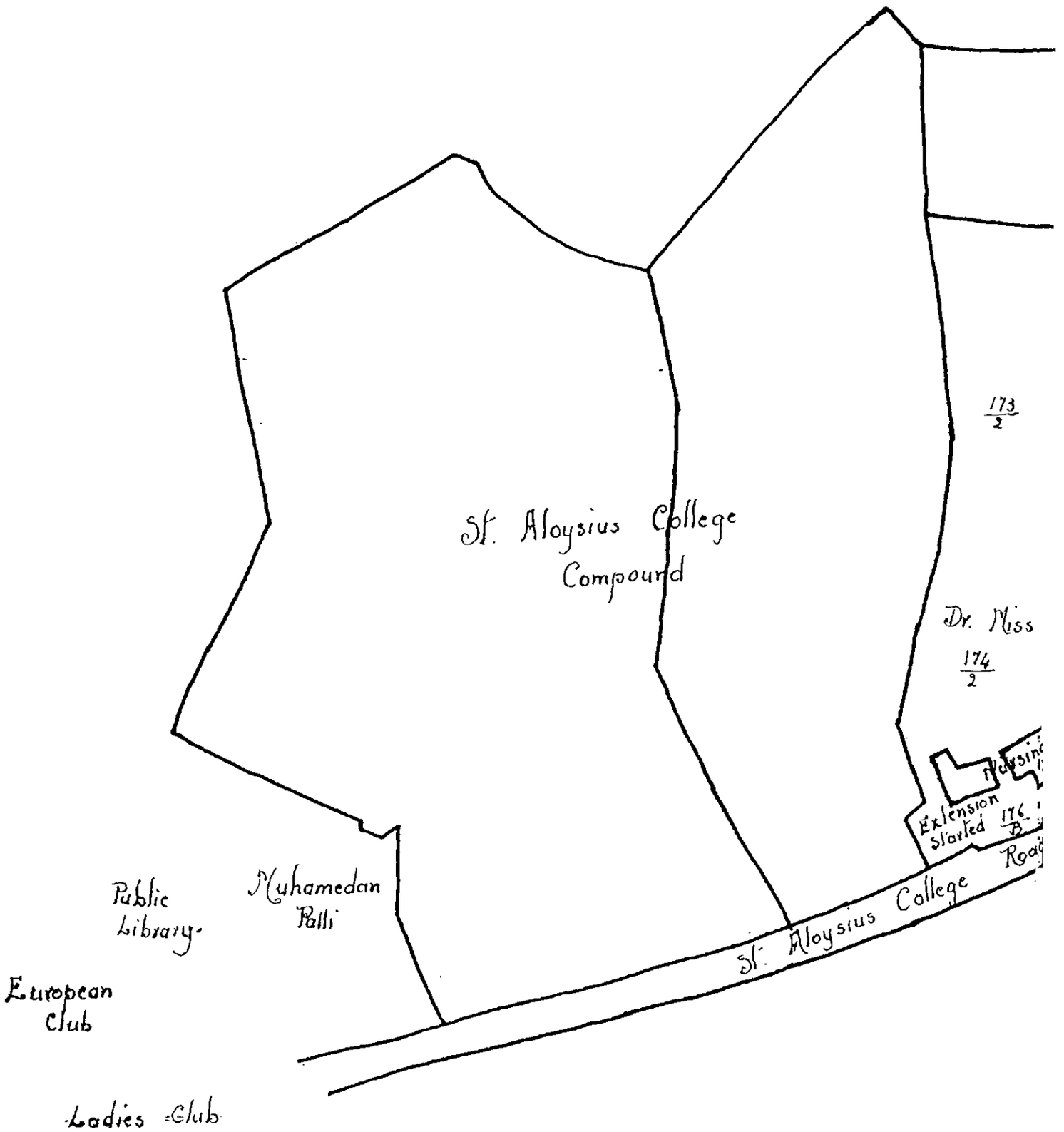
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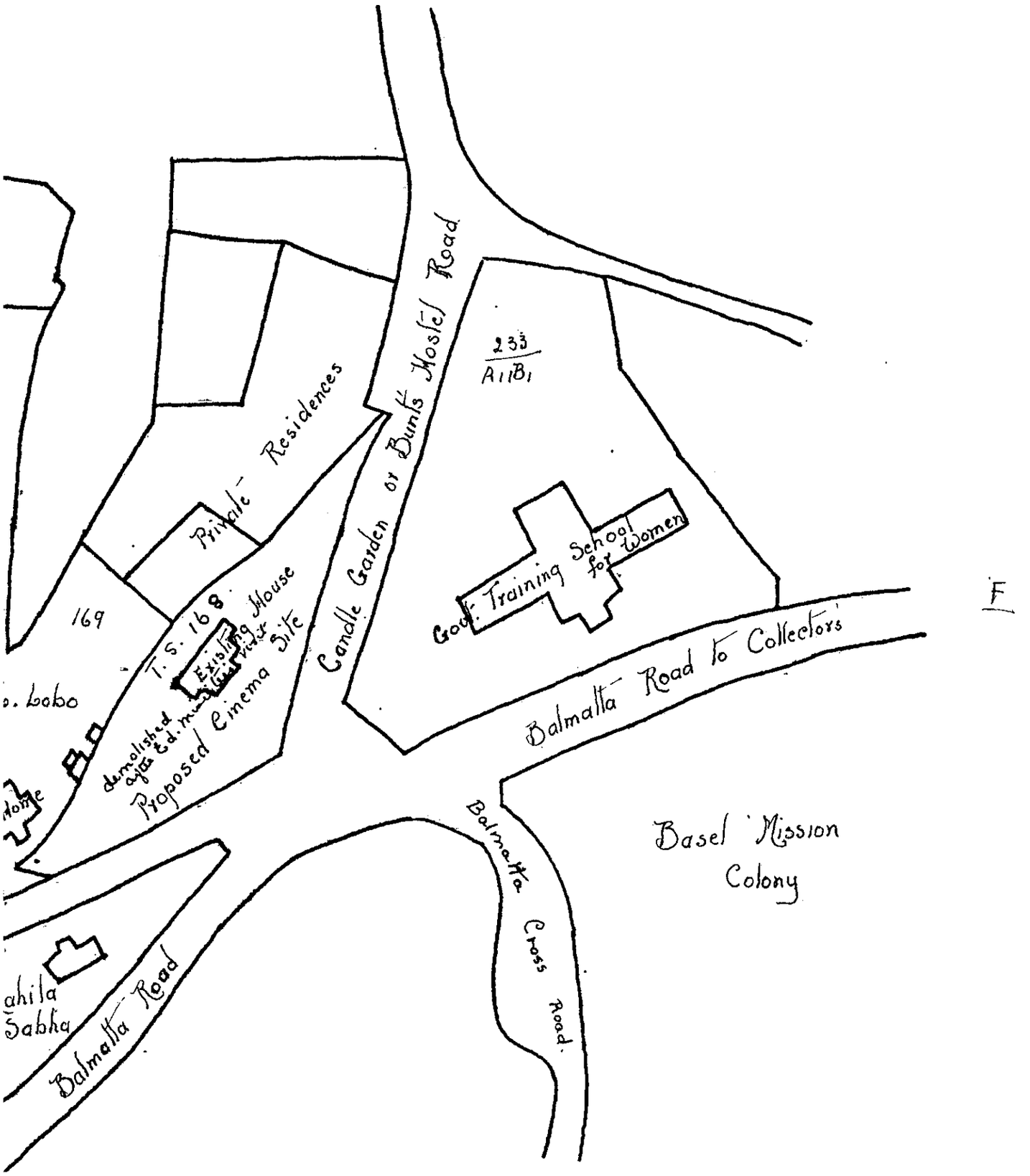
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8- 5- 1947

To

The Hon'ble Sri T. Prakasam
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
16 MAY 1947
LAW DEPT.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith copy of a Memorial submitted to the Hon'ble the Prime Minister and the Minister for Education by the Public of Mangalore with regard to the location of a Cinema Theatre in a residential locality in the Town.

I need not say what a baneful effect a Cinema Theatre with its accompaniments viz. bazaars, restaurants, hawkers objectionable pictures, not to mention traffic dangers and evil enticements will produce in a residential area around a Government Girls' School, Ladies Club and a Maternity Home.

I do hope that the Government will prevent a seed, mostly of evil, being implanted in the very midst of growing and receptive young minds.

The location of a hostel for the girls of the Government Training School

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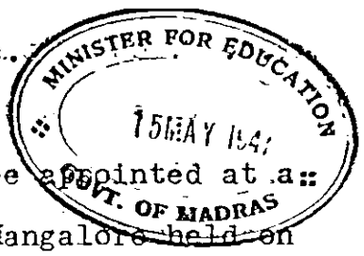

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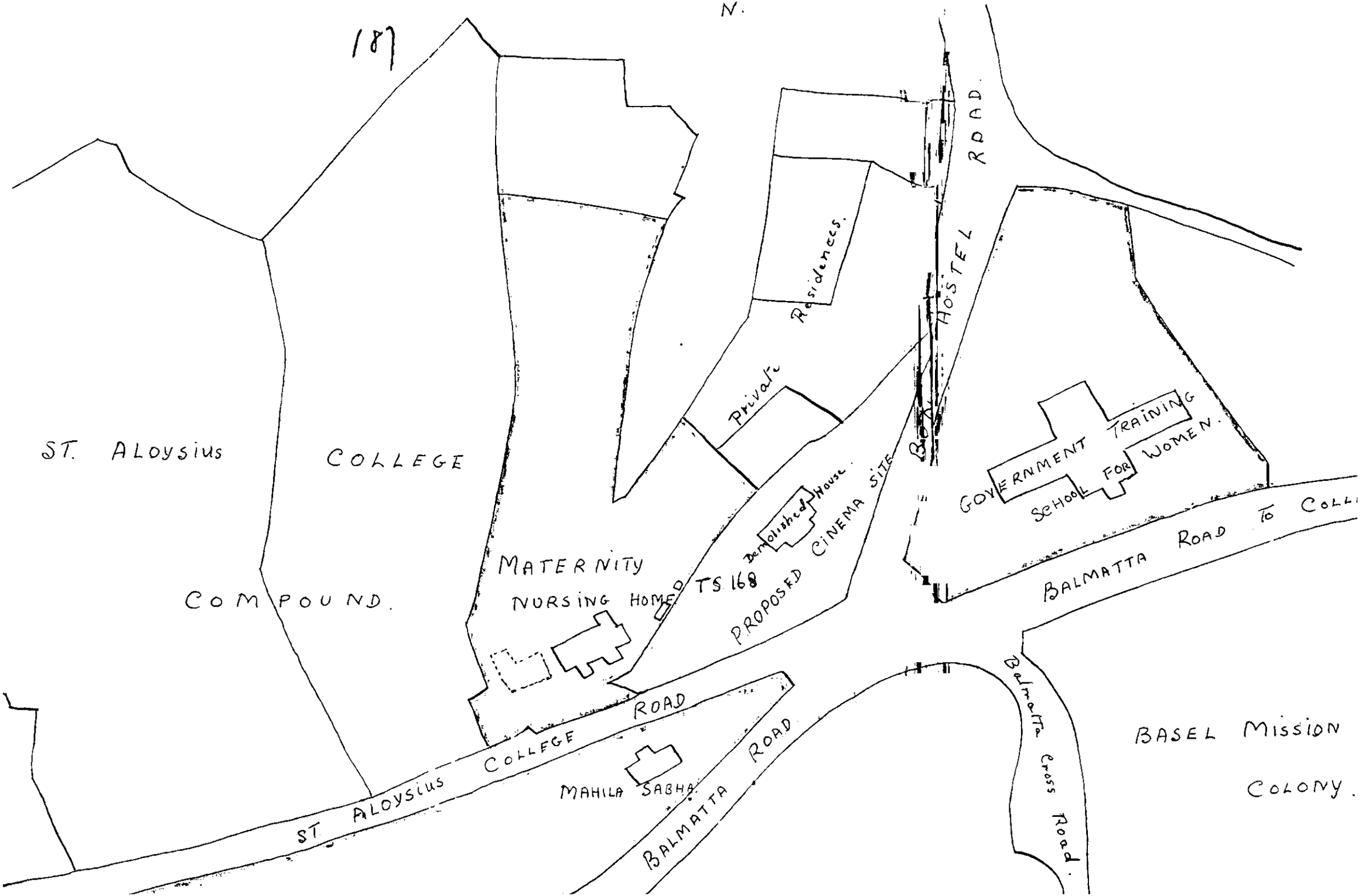
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To

The Hon'ble Srimathi Rukmini Lakshmipathy,
Minister for Health,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

Dear Madam,

Being highly aggrieved at the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, approving of the site T.S.No.169 in the accompanying plan for the erection of a Cinema, we beg to bring to your notice the following facts trusting to receive a sympathetic hearing.

T.S.No.168 is situated in a purely residential area and is between the Government Training School for Women, the Mahila Sabha and the Glenview Maternity Nursing Home. All the three Institutions sent protests to the Commissioner as soon as they heard that an application was made for approval of the said Cinema site. Objection petitions were also sent by the parents of girls attending the Women's Training School, parents of boys attending St. Aloysius' College and by the neighbouring residents. We heard that the Superintendent of the Women's Training School, the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the Rector of St. Aloysius' College and theBasel Mission Colony also sent in their protests to the Commissioner. We were shocked to find that all the petitions were ignored and the Commissioner passed an order approving of the site.

If a Cinema should be located in T.S.No. 168 women and children will be the greatest sufferers. It will deprive them of the privacy and freedom they have hitherto enjoyed in going up and down the St. Aloysius' College road to the Mahila Sabha, Nursing Home and Ladies' Club. It will also hinder them from going for fresh air to the top of the Light House Hill which is the only open space in the heart of the Town where convalescent women and children have hitherto resorted to freely.

The Training School is separated from T.S.No.168 only by a road. The Cinema will be a constant source of distraction to the little children in the Women's Training School and a source of nuisance and danger to the grown-up students. There will be

absolutely no privacy in the school compound with a Cinema next door. Up to now all classes of girls have been doing to and from school unattended but with undesirable people who inevitable loiter round a Cinema, parents will find it impossible to send their girls unescorted.

The Mahila Sabha also is separated from T.S.No. 168 only by a road. The chief object of the Mahila Sabha is the uplift and education of women and young girls who have also come to be used as the chief centre of the I.W.C.-C. Its vast grounds attract ladies in the evenings for out-door games also. A Cinema facing this building will deprive it of all privacy; Ladies will not use it as freely as heretofore if the only road by which they can get there becomes the frontage of a Cinema with the attendant shops and stalls.

The Maternity Nursing Home has filled a long felt want. Dr.Miss Lobo is the only private lady doctor in the Town. Her Nursing Home is the only private Nursing Home with a resident lady doctor and it is staffed entirely by women. The confidence inspired by her and the privacy of the surroundings have induced women of all castes and creeds and even very orhodox Hindu and Muslim women to go the Nursing Home to get treatement and antenatal care. The Nursing Home premises adjoins T.S.No. 169 on two whole sides and the building itself is in some places within a few feet of T.S.No.168. The evitable noise and commotion outside the Cinema Hall night after night will cause great disturbance to the patients especially during labour.

T.S.No.168 is at the junction of five roads, St. Aloysius' College Road coming down at a steep gradient. The Cinema show in the evening starts just after the play hours at St. Aloysius College. There is great risk of accidents if a Cinema Theatre is located at this junction.

The neighbouring residents too are highly aggrieved atthe attempt to thrust a Cinema Theatre in their midst when it willbe

a cause of nuisance to them and when no one wants it except the share-holders of the Company.

Besides all the hardships that will be caused by locating a Cinema in T.S.No. 163 we beg to point out that we have already in our town three theatres working and two almost completed. A sixth Cinema is absolutely superflous.

We respectfully suggest that the site may be acquired by the Government for a girls' Hostel which is badly needed. The present rented building is too small and being far from the school is inconvenient for the girls especially during the heavy rains of Mangalore.

We request you most earnestly to inspect the site on your visit to Mangalore when you will be convinced of the authenticity of our grievances.

Trusting our petition will be sympathetically considered.

Mangalore,
23- 11- 1946.)

We remain,
Your obedient servants,

1. K.S.Shanta Bai, Lady Superintendent, Ishwaranands Mahila Sevashram, Kadri
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3. Rama Bai A. Pandit, President, Mahila Sabha
4. M. Lilabai, President, Bhagini Samaj
5. Lucy Sreshta, Hon.Secretary, Ladies' Club
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7. A.L.Pinto, Rao Sahib, Retd. Dy.Collector & Landlord
8. M.Krishna Bhat, Advocate, Balmatta, Mangalore
9. A.Gonsalves, Light House Hill
10. A.Srinivas Pai, Retd., Advocate, Lighthouse Hill
11. K.Mahlinga Bhat, Regd. Medical Practitioner, Balmatta

12. M.Keshava Pai Rao Bahadur, O.B.E.,Retd.Civil Surgeon
13. S.Venkat Rao, Vakil, Lighthouse Hill, Mangalore
14. H.C.D'Souza, M.B.B.S., D.C.O.
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16. M.Nalini Bai, B.A. (Dwaraka)
17. U.S.S.Bhat, B.A.,B.L., Ex M.L.C.Dwaraka,Mangalore
18. M.Venkatesh Pai, Banker, Mangalore
19. K.P.Deshagiri Prabhu, Land-holder & Banker, Karkal and Mangalore
20. S.Soans, Vice President, Bhagini Samaj
21. K.P.Ponnappa, Vice President, Mahila Sabha
22. M.Burchaerdt, President, Y.M.C.A.
23. M.Rodrigues, Coffee & Cardamom Planter
24. K. Rajalakshmi Achar
25. A.C.Dailur, L.C.P. & S.Reg.Medical Practitioner
26. K.Fernandes, Partner, Electro-Homeopathic Dispensary
27. J.Fernandes, Compounder do.
28. D.P.Udya, Accountant, Popular Insurance Co.
29. Rao Saheb F.Lobo, Retd. Dy.Collector
30. T.Gopalkrishna Bhat, B.C.L. Light House Hill
31. M.Saraswathi (Mrs. Hebbar) Codialbail
32. C.M.Nemiraja Padival
33. M.Leela Devi, Jail Road,
34. K.B.Jinaraja Hegde, Advocate, Ex M.L.A.(Central)
35. P.Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road
36. T.K.Abdul Aziz. Timber Merchant, Bunder
37. C.M.Pais, Manager, Kanara Timbers, Ltd., Mangalore
38. M.M.Baba, Proprietor, Bombay Lucky Restaurant
39. S.Abubin Thandel Abdul Rahiman (Canarese)
40. Ahmed Bin Ali, Bunder, Mangalore
41. S.Gupta, Merchant, Mangalore
42. F.P.S.Albuquerque, Tile Manufacturer
43. Haji A.Baba, (Haji Abdul Khader Sava)
44. Dada Hajee Ebrahim Malari

45. Devidas Girdharlal, Prop.Chandrana Bris.

46. Vithalji Purushotham of Vithalji Madhavji

47. L.Rebello, wife of S.B.P.Rebello, Tile Manufacturer

48. G.L.Saldanha, L.D.Sc.

49. Mary G. Brito, Dt.Food Committee Member

50. P.S.Karnadkar, M.B.,B.S., Regd.Medical Practitioner

51. C.T.Devasia, Manager, Palai Central Bank

52. J.C.Coelho, Retd.Superintendent, Stores Dept.M.& S.M-

53. J.Ramachander (Rao Bahadur) Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge

54. M.Annappa, Retd.Supd., Imperial Bank of India, Mangalore

55. U.Lakshmana Shenoy, B.A.,L.T.

56. Greta Heri, Hon.Magistrate

57. B.M.Abubacker, Merchant, Bunder

58. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankanady

59. A.C.Mathai, M.A., Sanyasigudde

60. K.R.Karunaker,B.A.,B.L.,B.D.,Chairman, B.M.Dt.Church South Kanara & Inspector of B.M.Schools, S.Kanara and Coorg.

61. P.F.X.Saldanha & Sons, Highland Coffee Works

62. P.C.Lobo, Retd.Dt.& Sesions Judge (Dewan Bahadur)

63. M.Chandramma, Dewan Bahadur Bangera's House

64. M.G.Kamath

65. Muktha Pandit, Guruprasad Bendore

66. Nagar Srinivas Rao, Merchant, Mangalore

67. S.C.Frank Physical Instructor, St.Aloysius' College

68. M.Raghavendra Pai

69. J.A.Pinto, Coffee Planter

70. P.M.S.Kamath & Company

71. M.Srinivas, Merchant & Land-lord, Hampenkatta

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77. M.Vasudeva Nayak, S.K.N.House

78. B.Coelho, Asst.G.T.S.Mangalore

79. V.Vaman Shenoy, Prop.Ideal Jewellery House

80. J.B.Braggs, Pensioner, Balmatta Road

81. N.M.Gopalkrishna Baliga, Retd.Sub Registrar

82. B.Ananda Baliga, Retd.Dy.Collector, Sturrock Road

83. M.V.Kudva, Merchant, Mangalore

84. G.B.Colaco, Sylvan Lodge, Kankanady, Mangalore

85. A.Vijayanke B.Sc., London; M.M.I.C.E. Ceylon

86. S.Raja Ram, Dental Surgeon

87. Thomas D'Souza, Jeppoo, Mangalore

88. S.A.Furtado, Headmaster, B.E.M.High School

89. C.P.Kamath, M.B.B.S., Hon.Asst.M.O.

90. Mr.E.A.Pais 'Babavern' Balmatta

91. B.R.Teloherkar, Advocate

92. Mrs.I.Saldanha, Martinest, Milagres

93.C.P.Monteiro, Secretary, Catholic Bank, Mangalore

94.M.B.Colaco, Treasurer, do.

95.E.B.Soans, Photographer, Lighthouse Hill

96.P.Narayan Rao, M.B.B.S., L.C. Kadri Road

97-M.Nagappa Pai, Regd.Medical Practitioner

98.C.J.D'Souza,Builder & Contractor, Upper Bendur,Mangalore

99.A.D Souza, Retd.Telegraph Officer, Kankanady

100.J.M.Colaco,M.B.B.S.,Radiologist Fr.Muller's, Kankanady

101.S.M.Pinto, Coffee Planter, Virajepet House,Vas Lane

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103.A.A.Saldanha, Coffee Planter, Bunts' Hostel Road

104.L.Mascarenhas,(Mrs.W.E.Mascarenhas) Light House Hill

105.G.M.Tellis, Falnir, Mangalore

106.E.Fernandes, Jeppoo, Mangalore

107.U.Ramaraya Bhat, Bejai, Mangalore.

108.K.Narayan Shenoy, Konchadi.

RAO BAHADUR
DR. M. KESAVA PAI, O.B.E., M.D.

"MADHAV BAGH"
KADRI ROAD
MANGALORE, S. KANARA.

8-5-1947.

13 MAY 1947

To

The Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli, M.L.A.
Minister for Local Administration,
Fort St.George,
Madras.

Dear Mr. Chandramouli,

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The location of a hostel for the girls of the Government Training School near the school itself is a very urgent necessity.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Kesava Pai

To

The Hon'ble The Prime Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
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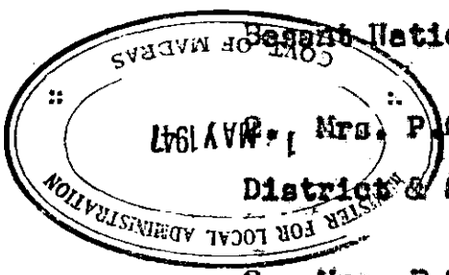

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3. Mrs. E.Soans - wife of the Retired District Registrar of South Kanara - Committee Member of the Mahila Sabha, Vice President of the Bhagini Samaj, etc. - Social Worker.

4. Sri N.N.Talcherkar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate.

5. Sri M. Venkatesh Pai - Banker, Hon. Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Mangalore District Branch and of the St. John's Ambulance Association, Hon. Secretary of the Hindu Seva Sangha, Hon.Secretary, Hindusthan Scout Association, etc. -Social Worker.

6. Rao Bahadur Dr. M.Kesava Pai, O.B.E., Retired Civil Surgeon once Chairman of the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society - President of the Canara High School and Canara Girls' School Council, President, Peasant National Girls' High School Council, Vice President, Depressed Classes Mission, President, South Kanara Branch of the Madras Welfare Ly President, Hindusthan Scout Association, South Kanara Branch, etc. - Social Worker.

To

The Hon'ble The Prime Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
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4. After the death of the owner of the site T.S.No. 163 the Karnataka Theatres purchased the plot for the construction of a Cinema Theatre and the Municipal Council granted the Company permission to locate the Theatre there.

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7- The grave evils that will follow the location of a Cinema Theatre in the midst of girls' and women's institutions

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Your humble memorialists,

Mangalore,)
)
8th May, 1947)

A Srinivasa Rao
S. J. Lobo (Mrs. P. C. Lobo)
C. Soans.
R K Kalebarkar
M. Venkatesh
Krishnamurthi

Enclosures:-

1. Notice of the meeting held on 6-6-1947
2. Copy of the Resolutions passed
3. A rough plan of the site T.S. No. 163 and surroundings

(already submitted by Mrs. P. C. Lobo.)

N O T I C E.

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All well-wishers of the aforesaid Training School are requested kindly to attend the meeting.

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Convenors.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY 1947

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Proposed by - Rao Bahadur Dr.M.Keshava Pai, O.B.E.

Seconded by - Rao Sahib A.L.Pinto, Retired Deputy Collector.

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Proposed by Sri U.C.S.Bhat, B.A., B.L., Ex M.L.C.

Seconded by - Sri M.Venkatesh Pai.

III That a Committee be formed to collect ~~funds~~ Rs 20,000 and do all that is needful for the purpose of acquisition.

Proposed by - Mrs.E.Soans, Member of the late Advisory Committee of the Government Training School

Seconded by - Mrs.K.S.Shanta Bai, Lady Superintendent, Ishwaranand Mahila Sevashram & Member of the late Advisory Committee of the Government Training School.

IV That the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be requested to pass orders for holding in abeyance the order of approval already passed by the Hon'ble the Health Minister.

Proposed by - Sri K.Y.Poojari, B.A.,B.L., Advocate

Seconded by - Sri R.R.Talcherkar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate.

That the following gentlemen and ladies with power to co-opt constitute a Committee for drafting and submitting the memorial

to the Hon'Ble Prime Minister and to collect funds referred to in Resolution No. III -

1. Sri A.Srinivasa Pai, B.A.,B.L., President of the meeting
2. Mrs. P. C. Lobo
3. Mrs. E. Soans
4. Sri R. R. Talcherkar, B.A., LL.B.
5. Sri M. Venkatesh Pai
6. Rao Bahadur Dr. M.Keshava Pai, O.B.E.

Proposed by Dr. M. Keshava Pai
Seconded by Mrs. P. C. Lobo.

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"MADHAV BAGH"
KADRI ROAD,
MANGALORE, S. KANARA.

8-5-1947

3 JUL 1947

To

The Hon'ble Sri V. Kumaraswami
Minister for Rural Development
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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M. Mirandas

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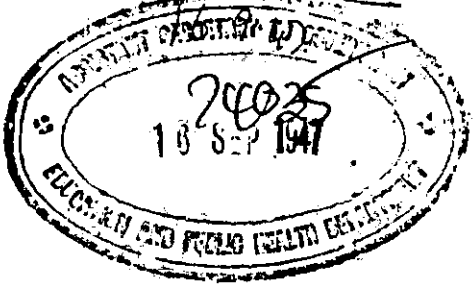

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The main file on the subject is in circulation. This may be added to it on its return.

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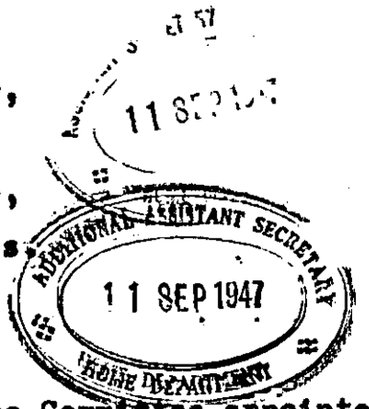

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Copy of resolution passed.

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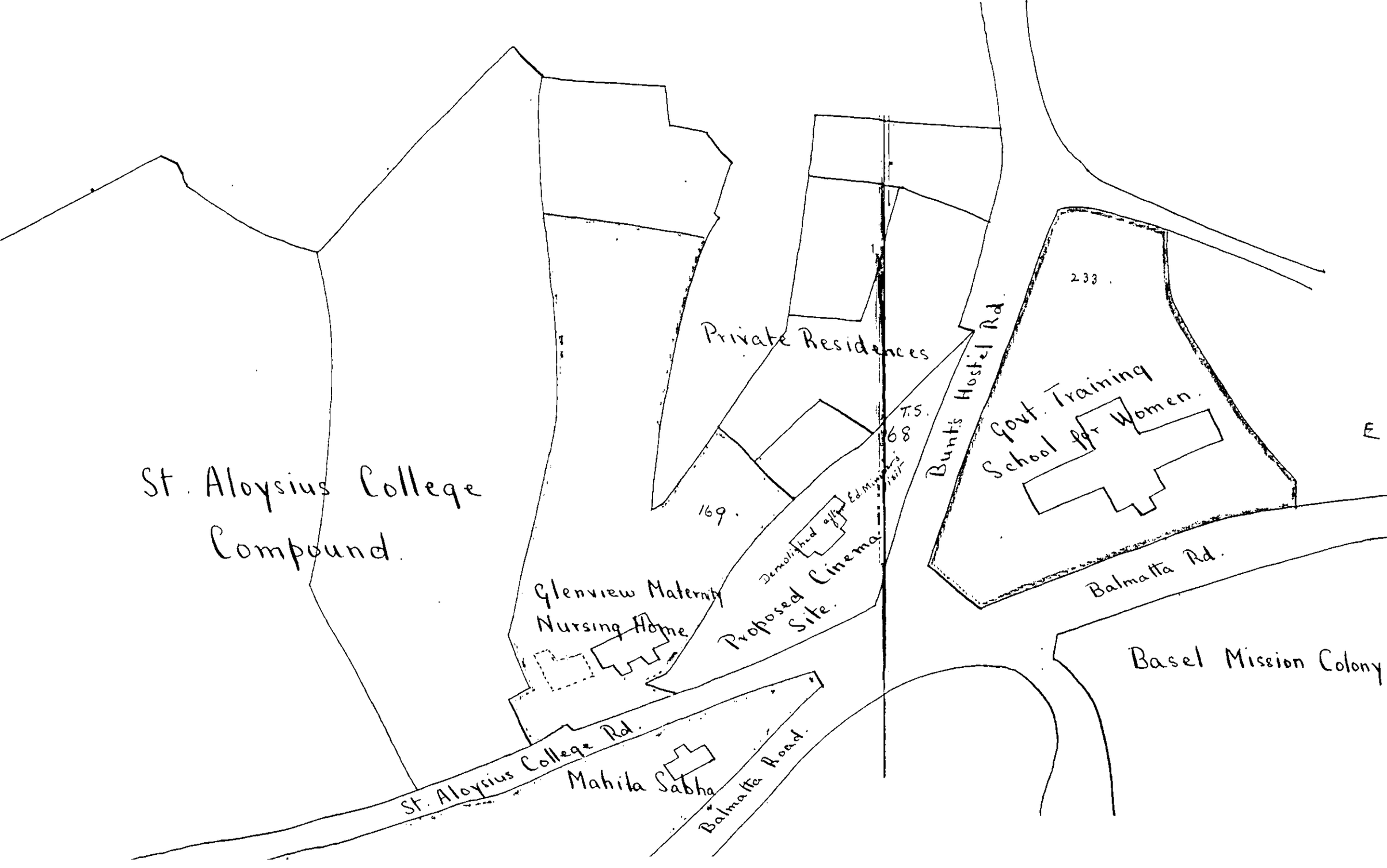
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To

The Hon'ble Srimathi Rukmini Lakshmipathy,
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Being highly aggrieved at the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, approving of the site T.S.No.168 in the accompanying plan for the erection of a Cinema, we beg to bring to your notice the following facts trusting to receive a sympathetic hearing.

T.S.No.168 is situated in a purely residential area and is between the Government Training School for Women, the Mahila Sabha and the Glenview Maternity Nursing Home. All the three Institutions sent protests to the Commissioner as soon as they heard that an application was made for approval of the said Cinema site. Objection petitions were also sent by the parents of girls attending the Women' Training School, parents of boys attending St. Aloysius' College and by the neighbouring residents. We heard that the Superintendent of the Women's Training School, the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the Rector of St. Aloysius' College and theBasel Mission Colony also sent in their protests to the Commissioner. We were shocked to find that all the petitions were ignored and the Commissioner passed an order approving of the site.

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We respectfully suggest that the site may be acquired by the Government for a girls' Hostel which is badly needed. The present rented building is too small and being far from the school is inconvenient for the girls especially during the heavy rains of Mangalore.

We request you most earnestly to inspect the site on your visit to Mangalore when you will be convinced of the authenticity of our grievances.

Trusting our petition will be sympathetically considered.

Mangalore,)
23- 11- 1946.) We remain,
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16. H.Malini Bai, B.A. (Dwaraka)
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19. K.P.Seshagiri Prabhu, Land-holder & Banker, Karkal and Mangalore
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31. N.Saraswathi (Mrs. Hebbar) Codialbail
32. C.H.Nemiraja Padival
33. H.Leela Devi, Jail Road,
34. K.B.Jinaraja Hegde, Advocate, Ex H.L.A.(Central)
35. P.Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road
36. T.K.Abdul Aziz. Timber Merchant, Bunder
37. C.H.Pais, Manager, Kanara Timbers, Ltd., Mangalore
38. H.H.Baba, Proprietor, Bombay Lucky Restaurant
39. H.Abubin Thandel Abdul Rahiman (Canarese)
40. Ahmed Bin Ali, Bunder, Mangalore
41. H.Gupta, Merchant, Mangalore
42. F.P.S.Albuquerque, Tile Manufacturer
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44. Dada Hajee Ebrahim Halari

45. Devidas Girdharlal, Prop.Chandrana Brlg.

46. Vithalji Purushothem of Vithalji Madhavji

47. L.Rebello, wife of L.J.P.Rebello, Tile Manufacturer

48. C.L.Caldanha, L.D.Co.

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52. J.C.Coelho, Retd.Superintendent, Stores Dept.M.& S.I.-

53. J.Ramachandar (Rao Bahadur) Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge

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56. Greta Mori, Hon.Magistrate

57. B.M.Abubacker, Merchant, Bundor

58. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankonady

59. A.C.Mathai, M.A., Lanyanigudde

60. K.P.Karunaker,B.A.,B.L.,B.D.,Chairman, B.M.Dt.Church South Kanara & Inspector of R.M.Schools, S.Kanara and Coorg.

61. P.F.X.Saldanha & Sons, Highland Coffee Works

62. P.C.Lobo, Retd.Dt.& Sessions Judge (Dewan Bahadur.

63. M.Chandranna, Devan Bahadur Mangera's House

64. M.G.Kamath

65. Mukitha Pandit, Guruprasad Bendore

66. Roger Srinivas Rao, Merchant, Mangalore

67. C.C.Frank, Physical Instructor, St.Aloysius' College

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78. B.Coelho, Asst.C.T.O.Mangalore

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To

The Hon'ble The Prime Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
M a d r a s.

Memorandum submitted by the Committee appointed at a public meeting of the Citizens of Mangalore held on the 6th May 1947 and constituted of the following ladies and gentlemen whose designations are as mentioned below-

1. Sri A.Srinivasa Pai, B.A.,B.L., President of the Meeting - Retired Advocate, Retired President of the Canara High School and of the Canara Girls' School Council, Retired President of the Canara Bank, Ltd., etc. - now a member of the Council of the Besant National Girls' High School - Social Worker.

2. Mrs. P.C.Lobo - wife of Dewan Bahadur P.C.Lobo, Retired District & Sessions Judge.

3. Mrs. E.Soans - wife of the Retired District Registrar of South Kanara - Committee Member of the Mahila Sabha, Vice President of the Bhagini Samaj, etc. - Social Worker.

4. Sri R.R.Talcherkar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate.

5. Sri M. Venkatesh Pai - Banker, Hon. Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Mangalore District Branch and of the St. John's Ambulance Association, Hon. Secretary of the Hindu Seva Sangha, Hon.Secretary, Hindusthan Scout Association, etc. =Social Worker.

6. Rao Bahadur Dr. M.Kesava Pai, O.B.E., Retired Civil Surgeon - once Chairman of the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society - President of the Canara High School and Canara Girls' School Council, President, Beasant National Girls' High School Council, Vice President, Depressed Classes Mission; President, South Kanara Branch of the Madras Welfare Fund; President, Hindusthan Scout Association, South Kanara District Branch, etc. = Social Worker.

1. The Mangalore Municipal Council approved of the site T.S.No.168 of the Court Ward of the Municipality for the construction of a Cinema Theatre. The site is situated in a residential area and till its purchase by the Karnataka Theatres was used for a residential house only.

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3. Ever since 1928 attempts were made by successive Superintendents of the Training School for Women and by successive Inspectresses of Girls' Schools to acquire the site for a hostel for the girls and pupil teachers of the school.

4. After the death of the owner of the site T.S.No. 168 the Karnataka Theatres purchased the plot for the construction of a Cinema Theatre and the Municipal Council granted the Company permission to locate the Theatre there.

5. Several petitions were submitted to the Municipality and to the Government by the Women's institutions surrounding the plot protesting against the construction of the Theatre in their midst e.g. by Dr.Miss Lobo and by the public of Mangalore; and also by the Advosory Committee of the Government Training School to the Minister for Education, to the Minister for Public Health and to the Director of Public Instruction and to the Collector of South Kanara, Mangalore. (Copies already submitted).

6. All the above protests were not considered favourably by the Municipal Council. The late Minister for Public Health also ruled them out on behalf of the Government.

7- The grave evils that will follow the location of a Cinema Theatre in the midst of girls' and women's institutions

and the necessity for the construction of a hostel for the school girls and pupil teachers do not seem to have been pro= perly considered either by the Municipality or by the Governme

8. The present hostel located in a rented building in Kadr Road next to the Boys' Hostel of the Nadavara Sangha, with no approach even for a country cart has been repeatedly inspected the Educational Inspecting Authorities and condemned by them. As many as 57 girls are now huddled together in a dark, ill- ventilated building with no suitable sanitary arrangements. Fo want of sufficient dormitory accommodation, the girls are forc to use the dark attic of the building mounting up to it by a perpendicular bamboo ladder, a feat which the poor girls are forced to perform daily, facing the risks of accidents.

9. The memorialists are aggrieved to find that all the con- demnations of the Director of Public Instruction and of the Inspecting Authorities of the existing hostel and the recommen tions to construct a hostel on a more convenient and suitable plot like the site T.S.No.168 were unheeded and the late Minis for Public Health turned down the protests of the public and o the women's institutions in the neighbourhood.

10. A public meeting, well attended by members of all com- munities was therefore, held on the 6th May 1947 in the hall of the Canara High School presided over by Sri A. Srinivasa Pai, B.A., B.L., one of the oldest and respected citizens of Mangalore.

11. The persons who have submitted this memorial were ap- pointed at the said meeting to carry out the resolutions passe and to memorialize the Government.

12. As according to Resolution No. 3 the Committee will be collecting funds to meet in part the cost of the acquisition of site T.S.No.168 by Government for the construction of a hostel for girls and pupil teachers, the memorialists / pray

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Your humble memorialists,

Mangalore,
8th May, 1947

S. J. Lobo (for P. C. Lobo)
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Enclosures:-

1. Notice of the meeting held on 6- 5- 1947
2. Copy of the Resolutions passed
3. A rough plan of the site T.S. No.168 and surroundings

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY 1947-

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True copy of signatures to the Memorial

to Rao Bahadur R. M. Mathew, D.Ph.Cantab.

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12. K. Mahalinga Bhat, registered Medical Practitioner, Balmatta.
13. S. Venkat Rao, Vakil, Lighthouse Hill, Mangalore.
14. K. Suwasini Poojari, Dwaraka.
15. M. Nalini Bai, B.A.,
16. U. C. S. Bhat, B.A., B.L., Ex M.L.C. Dwaraka, Mangalore.
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26. J. Fernandez, Compounder, --do-- --do--
27. D. P. Udpa, Accountant, Popular Insurance Co.

28. Rao Saheb F. Lobo, Retired Deputy Collector, Mangalore.

29. T. Gopalakrishna Bhat, D.O.L., Lighthouse Hill,

30. N. Saraswathi (Mrs. Hebbar).

31. C. N. Nemrajja (Nemraj Padival & Sons).

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34. K. B. Jinaraj Hegde, Advocate, Ex. M.L.C.

35. P. Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Bunts' Hostel Road, Mangalore.

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38. C. V. N. Pias, Manager, Kanara Timbers.

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40. Ahmed Bin Ali, Bunder, Mangalore.

41. N. Abu Bin Thandel Abdul Rahiman (Kanarese signature)

42. R. Gupta, Merchant.

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44. H. N. A. Bava (Haji Abdul Khader Bava), wholesale merchant.

45. Dada Haji Ebrahim Halari.

46. H. C. D'Souza, M.B.B.S., D.G.O.

47. Devidoss Girdarlal, Proprietor, Chandrana Bros.

48. Vittalji Purushotham of Vittalji Madhavji.

49. G. L. Saldana, L.D.Sc.

50. L. Rebello (wife of ~~xxxxxx~~ S.B.P. Rebello) Tile Manufacturer.

51. ~~Mary S. Britto~~, District Food Committee Member

52. P. S. Karnadkhar, M.B.B.S., Registered Mecial Practitioner.

53. C. T. Devasia, Manager, Palai Central Bank, Mangalore

54. J. C. Coelho, retired Supdt., Stores Depat. M.S.M.

55. J. Ramachandr (Rao Bahadur) District & Sessions Judge, retired.

56. M. Annappa, retired superintendent, Imperial Bank of India, Mangalore.

57. U. Lakshmana Shenoy

58. Greta Neri , Honourary Magistrate.

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60. Peter Salvadore Rego, Weaving Factory, Kankanady

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65. M. Chandramma (Dewan Bahadur Bangera's house)

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67. P. Narayan Rao, M.B.B.S., L.C., Kadiri, Mangalore

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74. S. C. Frank , Physical Director, St: Aloysius College.

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76. Mrs. G. T. Peris Bhatt

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80. B. A. Nazareth , Coffee Planter.

81. Alexander Correa, merchant.

82. G. Correa, merchant, Candle Garden

83. V. Coelho, Asst. G.T.S., Candle Garden, Mangalore.

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85. B. Ananda Baliga, retired Deputy Collector, Sturrock Road, Mangalore.

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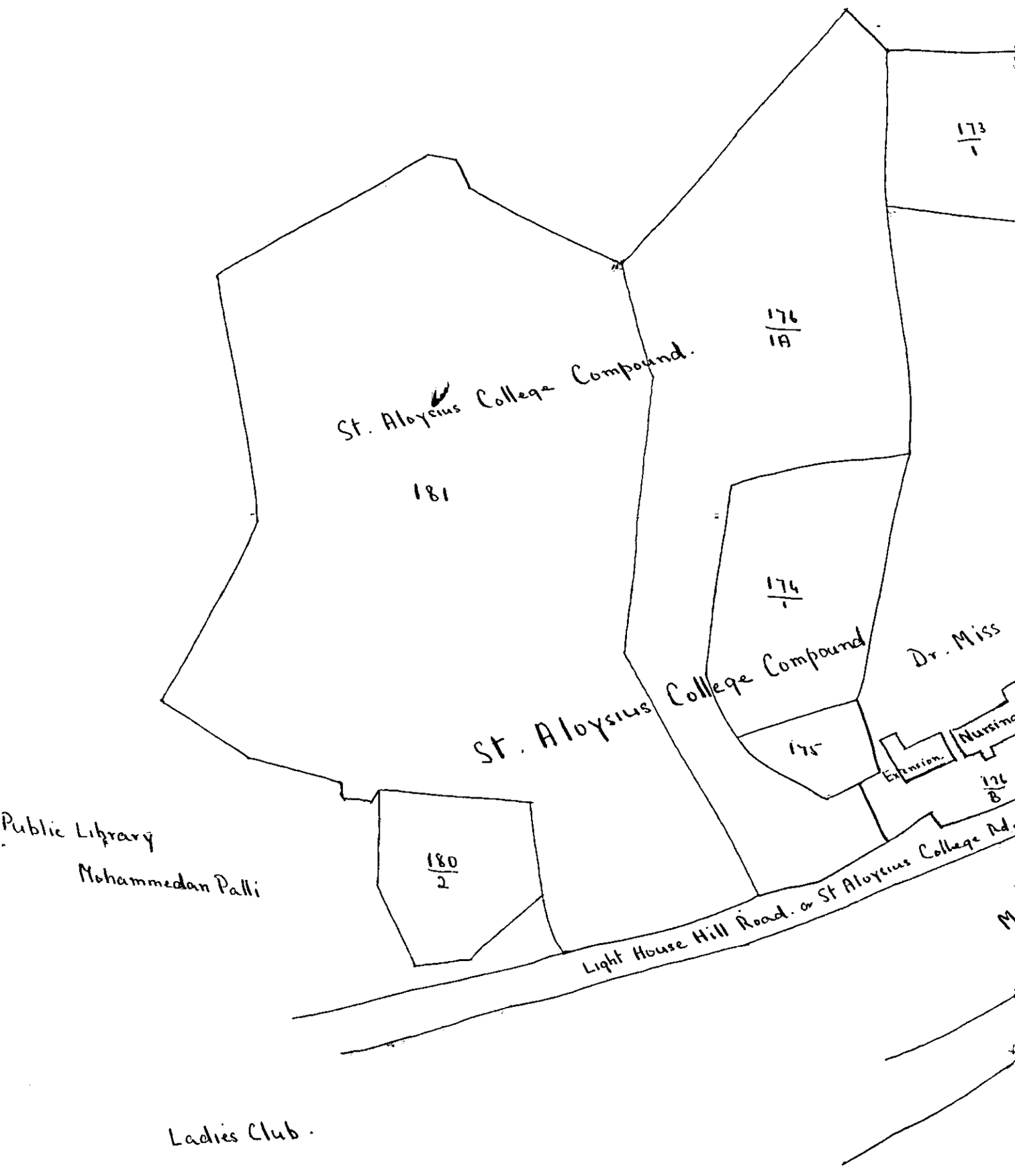
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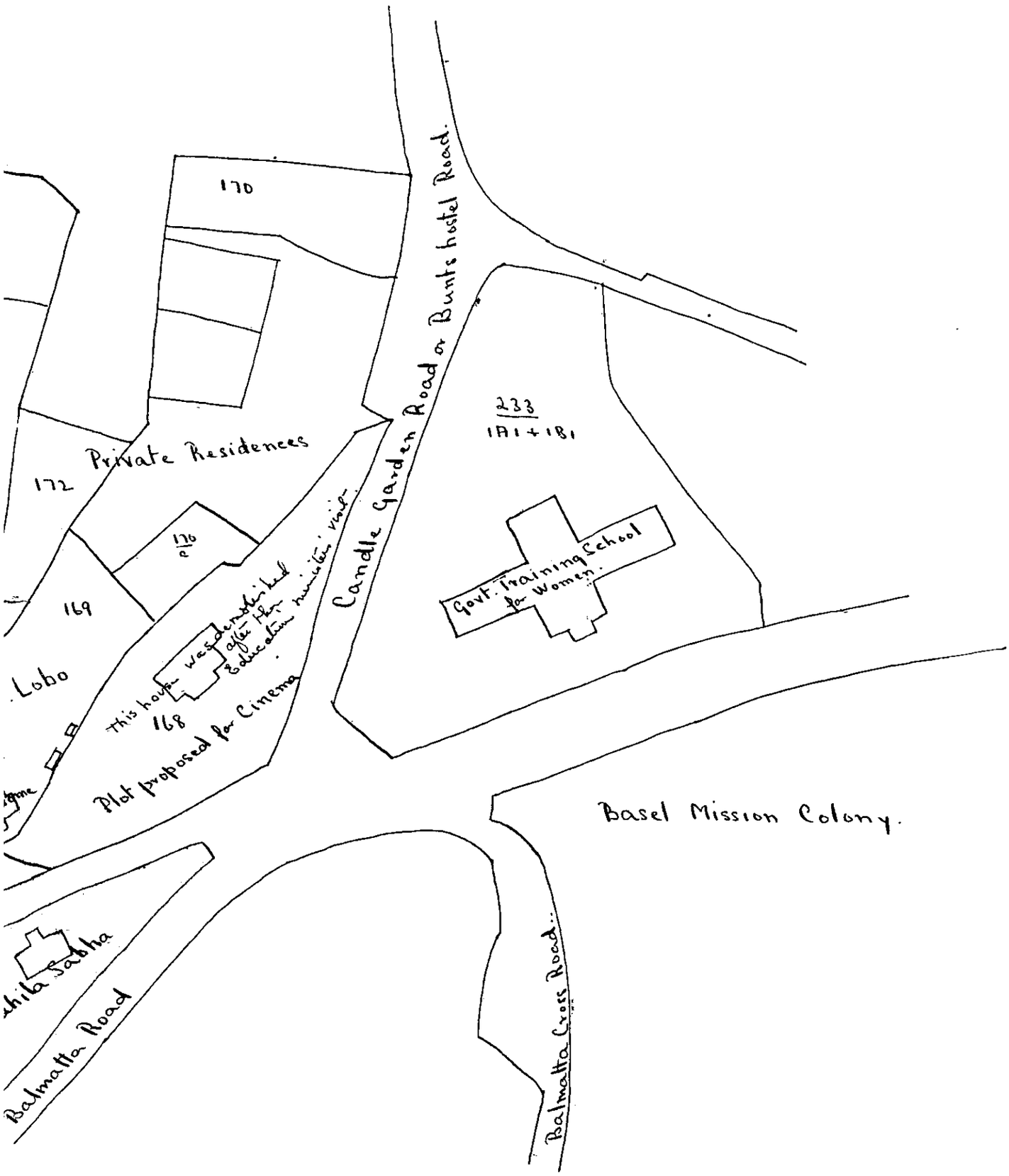
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Reasons for my dissent. HA Petition 21/4.

I regret to have to differ from the other members of the committee as to the order to be made on this application.

Several objection petitions have been received against the application. All the neighbours appear to be against its being granted. The Town Planning Officer says in the report of 15th ultimo that so far as he could gather, the general opinion is not in favour of locating the theatre at this place. The neighbours and signatories of the objection petition belong to different communities, Hindus, Catholics, and Protestants. The institutions objecting include Miss (Dr.) Lobo's Maternity and Nursing Home which enjoins the site on which the Cinema House is sought to be built. St. Aloysius' College which also adjoins, and the Government Training School for Women and Secondary School for Girls, which faces this site and is separated only by a public road. There are other institutions close by, persons connected with which are objecting. The Inspectress of Girls' School, the Superintendent of the Training School for Women, the Rector of St. Aloysius' College, the President of the Basel Mission in India, parents of students of the College and Training School and several professional men are among the objectors.

We have for our guidance in dealing with this application 7 (b) of the Places of Public Resort Act, under which a license has to be obtained for the proposed Cinema. This section provides that the Licensing authority should be satisfied inter alia that no objection arises from the situation of the site and the proposed purpose.

The functions of Town Planning include the imposition of conditions and restriction in regard to the purposes to which buildings or specified areas may or may not be appropriated. (4-n of the Town Planning Act). Town Planning is not to be directed merely to satisfy physical wants, but should also aim at providing and developing cultural amenities and moral health. It is, therefore our duty to interfere with the object of the application in the construction of a Cinema, which is not desirable in this locality.

This is one of the finest residential localities in this town, with its calm atmosphere and good buildings have sprung up in it.

It is well-fitted for Educational and Cultural Institutions, which have sprung up in the hill, the College, Clubs, the Public Library etc. The site in question lies at the foot of a hill which in the words of Mr. Simham, Deputy Director of Town Planning (p.27 of his Civic Survey of the Mangalore Municipality, 1929) is the "the chief - beauty spot in the town". "In this Hill", he says, "people resort for open air. The roads leading to the hill are carefully laid. The view from the hill of the town, the backwater etc. is exquisite". The atmosphere of quiet and calm of this locality, including the - hill, would certainly be disturbed by the opening of a Cinema House in the site in question, with the crowds and traffic that will be attracted, and the number of stalls and petty structures that will spring up in the neighbourhood.

Would we be adding to the usefulness of the Colleges and schools and other institutions in the neighbourhood and seconding their efforts, by permitting theconstruction of a Cinema close to them. According to the Rector of the College 2300 students pass up and down the road past the site in question and the Cinema will be a great source of destruction to them and matinees on working days which include Saturdays will be a cause of absentasion.

What is the call for disturbing the quiet of the locality and adding to the distractions of the students of the College and - other institutions. Miss (Dr.) Lobo says that several women attend her nursing and maternity home for confinement etc. She gives other reasons for objecting to the application.

A Cinema is useful in its own way but in the present state of the law, it is not in the power of the State to exercise, a strict control over Cinemas and the films shown, and it would certainly be in the interests of the College and other institutions if this - Cinema is located further away from them.

Some personalities were brought in. The applicant has invested money in buying the site in question. But this is a valuable site which he can probably sell without loss if not with profit. The question however must be looked at not from the point of view of -

interests of individuals but having regard to the larger interests of the residents and institutions in the neighbourhood and the interests and amenities of the general public and the town as a whole. The use of localities like the one in question for Cinemas amounts to their explodation for the benefit of the capitalist at the expense of the comfort and amenities not only of the neighbours but of the general public.

The fact that Cinemas have been built near schools elsewh does not prove anything. Perhaps no objection was raised by the - neighbours. I believe that all these Cinemas are outside the Town Planning areas and the applications regarding them were not considered by the committee. In any case there is no need to repeat previous errors and to overlook the spirit of the Town Planning Act. Industrial areas have been established to in the interests of the Health of the Public. The Council has set its face ~~xxxxxxx~~ strongly against nuisances and the opposition to the Cashew Factory in Urva is an instance. - Although a Cinema is not an industry and a nuisance in the same sense we shall be but following our past policy and adhering to the spirit of Town Planning by keeping Cinemas as far away as possible from - localities which are popular residential areas and educational and - cultural centres.

Sd. M. S. Sreshta, 27-5-46.

True extract is granted to Miss L. Lobo, as per her application dated 23--6--1946 Vide C.A.No.129/46-47.

Sd.

Commissioner,
Mangalore Municipality.

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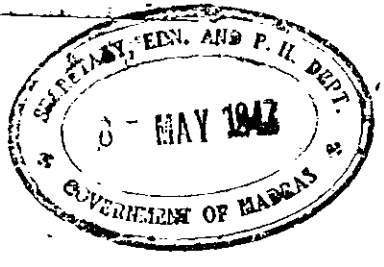

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THE HON. PRIME MINISTER,
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
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Copy to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health. Madras

Sir,

We beg to introduce ourselves as a public limited liability Company. The Company had been incorporated in October 1945 with the primary object of promoting the film industry and particularly to construct and own picture houses both in urban and rural areas of the district.

2. In pursuance thereof the Company has purchased four sites in the district, roughly at a cost of one lac of rupees.

3. The site at Mangalore which costed us about Rs62,000/- was purchased on the 6th April 1946. Immediately thereon, the Company applied to the Municipality for approval of the site to build a cinema theatre. While the application was pending enquiry one Dr. (Miss) Lobo, the owner of the adjoining compound who has a private nursing home with 3 or 4 beds, called on the Secretary of the Company, with a request that the Company may sell to her 1½ cents of land abutting and projecting into her compound. Negotiations failed and it was only then that Dr. (Miss) Lobo filed her

objections before the Town Planning Committee, and began actively canvass the support from the residents of the locality. We beg to emphasize that there was no agitation against this theatre till then. The agitation in question was inspired and sustained by Fr. (Miss) Lobo and that too obviously for private reasons. After the Departmental enquiries were over, the matter was placed before the Town Planning Committee and later on before the Municipal Council, who having heard lawyers on either sides and as well as other objectors, finally approved the site, for the construction of the Theatre by a overwhelming majority only the Catholic members voting against both in the Town Planning Committee and later in the Municipal Council.

4. A word about the objection of the Rector and the Principal of the St. Aloysius College is necessary. We understand that Rev. Fr. Rector has objected for this site being given for the Cinema theatre on the ground that the site in question is about 50 yards away from one of the Boys' Hostel belonging to the St. Aloysius' College. The Rev. Fr. Rector is not correct in stating that the plot in question is about 50 yards from the new hostel which he has opened. Moreover, the site in question was purchased long after we purchased the plot for our theatres. The bonafides of the objections of the Rev. Fr. Rector has to be seriously doubted when we note that when another theatre is being built within about 50 yards from the main hostel of the College and that has not been objected to by the Rev. Fr. Rector. In the main Hostel we understand there are over 300 students whereas in the new hostel there are just about 15 to 20 students. Why the Rev. Fr.

Rector has particularly chosen to object to this cinema is worth enquiring into. There is little doubt that those objections of the Rev. Fr. Rector has been inspired by Dr. (Miss) Lobo, whose family, we understand, has very heavily donated to the College funds and the very site of the college has been donated by them.

5. Here we may point out how other theatres in the Town are situated. The Central Talkies at Hampankatta is barely 50 yards from the Government College and is almost facing it. The Government College Hostel is well within 50 yards from the theatre. The Government Women's Hospital is barely 25 yards from that theatre. The Balaji Talkies near Car Street is right across the Mission High School with only a narrow road dividing them. The New Chitra Talkies also is situated at the end of the same street about 50 yards from the Mission High School. A new theatre is being built by Mr. Vittaldas Pai, almost within 50 yards from the Ganapathy High School and about the same distance from Government Women's Hospital. There is also a Saraswat Hostel adjoining the Ganapathy High School.

6. While the Bishop of Mangalore has not objected to the theatre on the Karnad Sadashivarao Road, which is under construction, even though it is hardly 50 to 60 yards, from the Codialbail Church, where the biggest Chapel is situated and where the Bishop himself resides, it is strange that the Basel Mission Church people whose chapel is over 2 furlongs away from our proposed theatre should object, when as a matter of fact their Chapel is hardly 20 yards away from the huge Press and their

Hosiery Factory, where over 500 people are employed.

7. The Government having rejected the appeal of Dr. (Miss Lobo) the Commissioner has issued the building licence on 13-5-1947. Obviously on finding the weakness of her agitation on the grounds urged before the Municipality and before the Government, Dr. (Miss) Lobo had added a second string to her bow. She seems to have persuaded her friend and a member of her community Miss V. Itera, Superintendent, Government Training School for Women for agitating that the plot in question should be acquired for the purpose of constructing a Girls' Hostel for the students of the training school. The method and manner of the new move throws a flood of light on the bonafides of this move. The fact that the agitation was started after we purchased the plot and that after the negotiation between us and Dr. (Miss) Lobo failed is quite significant. The Government Training School is a Day School and 95% of the students have residences in the Town and this agitation for a hostel, we feel, is manufactured for the purpose of attaining the objective of Dr. (Miss) Lobo. In this connection Dr. (Miss) Lobo has been successfully harnessing the co-operation of a few well-placed citizens of this place. The analysis of the list of supporters of Dr. (Miss) Lobo will satisfy any one that they could be broadly classified into two groups. The first and the prominent group consists of Dr. (Miss) Lobo, her relations and friends backed up by the friends and relatives of the existing theatre owners, who apprehend that the construction of this new theatre with a chain of theatres in the district sponsored by eminent people of the district may affect their trade considerably.

Most of the so-called philanthrophists are no more than the advocates of this clique. We pray that their credentials may be scrutinised.

8. If the agitation for the Girls' Hostel is bonafide, there are other ideal spots for the Hostel. Behind the Training School and in continuation of the compound there is one of the loveliest spots of Mangalore, high placed, quiet, breezy and most secluded. Again on the eastern side of the school and in the same compound contiguous, and adjoining the Training School there is a large plot of plain land most beautifully situated. It is an extensive plot, which could be utilised both for a hostel for the Girls and a play-ground for children. Even the cost of acquisition may not be much as there are no big buildings in the plot. One wonders, why our friends, who profess to be so solicitous about the welfare of our girls should miss these plots and cast covetous glances on the plot purchased by the Karnataka Theatres. The Hon. Prime Minister may kindly note that the proposed plot of the theatre is a narrow strip of plot separated from the School by a busy road. It is cut away from the school and the road that separates the two is one having the busiest traffic. More than anything else, there is a Boys' Hostel very close to the proposed plot for the hostel. The St. Aloysius' College subsidiary Hostel is situated about 10 yards from this place. In between that Hostel Compound and this plot there is only Dr. (Miss) Lobo's Nursing Home intervening. It is for the Hon. Prime Minister to consider how advisable it would be to have a Girls' Hostel almost adjoining the

Boys' Hostel. The anxiety to deprive the Karnataka Theatres of this plot has blinded the agitators about the propriety of such a move. We again impress on the Prime Minister that it would be inadvisable to locate the Girls' Hostel in the proposed plot. We beg leave to emphasise the fact that the agitation in question is a malafide one without the least regard for the interest of our Girls. The Training School and the lady pupils are made a pawn in the game.

9. We regret to note that in this agitation, Dr. (Miss) Lobo has the influential support of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Jerald Lobo, a close relation of Dr. (Miss) Lobo. He is the maternal uncle of Dr. (Miss) Lobo.

10. We understand that a lengthy telegram has been sent to the Government alleging that the public of Mangalore are protesting against the action of the Government in granting a licence to us. It was alleged that there was a public meeting protesting against the said action. We make bold to assure the Hon. Prime Minister that the alleged public meeting was only a fake and make-believe. The said public meeting was attended by not over a dozen persons. It was a manouvred and manipulated one. There was neither public sympathy nor response to the same.

11. We respectfully invite the Hon. Prime Minister, not to curtail public liberties and rights. The opinion of the Public has been properly reflected by the decision of the Town Planning Committee and the Municipal Council. We also invite the Hon. Prime Minister to call for the

opinions of the M.L.As. of the District and the President of the District Congress Committee. They, as our representatives would be able to place before the Government how exactly the public is reacting to the manoeuvres of Dr. (Miss)Lobo. We regret to note that Dr. (Miss) Lobo and her mother Mrs. Lobo, have fully exploited and taken advantage of their position in life and the respect and chivalry due to well-placed ladies. We also invite the attention of the Hon. Prime Minister to the fact, that it is just and necessary that he should visit the place and satisfy himself as to the appropriateness or otherwise of acquiring this plot as against the other two plots suggested by us, in the light of the circumstances aforesaid by us.

12. We understand that Dr. (Miss) Lobo and her supporters have stated in the aforesaid public meeting that they have assured the Government to collect donations of Rs20,000/- and that they would persuade the Government to acquire the plot for Rs40,000/-. From this we presume that Dr. (Miss) Lobo has been impressing on the Government that the plot in question is worth only about Rs40,000/- and so has been tempting the Government with the offer of a donation of Rs20,000/- from the public. The bonafides of this offer remains to be tested. We feel that it is only a thin end of the wedge with a view to persuade the Government to acquire this plot willy-nilly. If they are genuinely anxious for a Girls' Hostel, it certainly would not matter much, which plot it is, so long as the site is a good one. They cannot be particular about this site.

13. Dr. (Miss) Lobo is not correct when she says that the plot in question could be acquired for Rs.40,000. This representation made by Dr. (Miss) Lobo, if true, is deliberately made with a view to deceive the Government as regards the cost of acquisition. The plot was purchased in 1946 for Rs58,000/- and we had to incur over Rs3,000/- as stamp fees, registration fee, etc. It costed us about Rs62,000/-. In between 1946-47 there has been a steep rise in the value of plots in Bangalore Town and to-day the plot in question would be easily worth over a lakh of rupees. We had offers for this plot for over a lakh of rupees. Apart from the price of the land, we have spent considerable amount over the plot. We had engaged the services of the well-known Madras Architect, Mr. L. N. Chitale, F. S. I.E.A., F.I.I.A., A.R.I.B.A., Chartered Architect, Madras, for preparing a detailed blue-print and estimates for the theatre. He has visited the place three times and submitted the blue-prints, plans, drawings and estimates. We have already paid him as his remuneration Rs5,000/- and as per the agreement we may have to pay him about another Rs5,000/- excluding his T.A. Apart from this, tenders for the construction of the theatre has been called by our Architect, Mr. Chitale, and contracts have been entered into with Sri S. M. Raghunatha Chetty, a leading Contractor in the district for the construction of the theatre, at an estimated cost of Rs1,85,000/-. We have proceeded with the work after the Municipality had approved the site. There was no stay and so reasonably expect that the decision of the local authority, as in other cases would not be interfered with by the Government. The Contractor had spent large amounts for collection of building materials

and in turn has entered into terms with others. He has appointed a technical man. Our Company has already purchased 100 tons of cement at a cost of over Rs.6,500/-. The licence has been issued to us on 13-5-1947. The foundation work has begun and has progressed considerably. Large quantities of materials have been brought to the site. The work had to be proceeded with, in full speed as the monsoon is likely to commence very shortly in the district. If there is breach of contract at this stage, we may have to pay huge damages to the contractor.

14. We have placed orders for machinery costing over Rs35,000/- in respect of huge advances have been paid. If we are compelled to cancel the same, we will suffer heavy loss.

15. We have also incurred over Rs2,867-6-0 as travelling and other incidental expenses.

16. The above circumstances, we have traced in detail to convince the Hon. Prime Minister that the acquisition of this plot would entail considerable cost, not less than a lakh and a half, which amount will be disproportionate to its utility.

17. We finally pray that the Hon. Prime Minister may be pleased to inspect the proposed plot along with the other plots suggested by us and may be pleased to pass final orders after personal inspection.

We beg to remain,

Yours obediently,

Mangalore,
4 - 6 - 1947.

For THE KARNATAKA THEATRES, Ltd.
For JANASONS Ltd.,
Managing Agents,

Secretary.

Copy of Public Memorial sent to the Dist.Collector on 22.10.49.

To

The Collector and District Magistrate,
South Kanara,
Mangalore.

Sir,

We, the residents of Kankanady, Maroli, Padav, Kadri, Kodiyalbail and Attawar beg to place before you the following facts relating to the construction of a Cinema Theatre in Balmatta, Mangalore, for sympathetic consideration and necessary action.

2. It is needless for us to submit, as Your Honour is already well aware that in Mangalore Town, the poineers of Cinema line have not been fair to us inasmuch as they have not so far thought of establishing even a single Cinema Theatre at a place convinient and within the easy reach of our localities,but were concentrating their attention in congested areas which are far away from our factories and residences. We venture to submit that besides the three theatres which are already running on the Western side of the Town, two more are under sonstruction at places not very far from the existing ones.

3. We submit that most of the respectable citizens have moved to Kankanady, Kadri, Kodiyalbail and Padav Villages on account of the incidence of Filaria and other epidemics such as plague, cholera,small-pox etc. in the localities situated to the west of the roads coverging north and south of Hampankatta junction.

4. We submit that nearly three fourths of the population of Mangalore Town live in Kankanady, Kadri, Padav,Maroli and in portions of Kodiyalbail and Attawar Villages situated to the north of Hampankatta junction. Further Your Honour is already aware that most of the Handloom and other factories are situated in the abovesaid area and that these labourers are also having no recreation of any kind except attending Cinemas now and then. These labourers find it very difficult to walk overto the existing cinemas after their day's work as they are in some cases working or residing more than three miles away. Even if they do so,they find it very late when they return home after attending the Show.

5. We submit that there are a number of hostels in the abovesaid area and these students find it difficult to attend the Shows in the existing theatres as they have to walk the distance to and from the existing theatres or pay heavily for conveyance. We may also submit that more than half the number of lawyers reside in the abovesaid area.

6. Further, ladies and children in these areas have to forego their recreation as the conveyance charges now prevailing is prohibitive to attend the existing cinemas. Moreover,they also find it inconvinient to attend shows in those localities on account of heavy traffic and congestion.

7. We learn that the Karnataka Theatres, Limited are thinking of constructing a Cinema Theatre at the junction of five roads in Balmatta and in our opinion there is no other locality so conviniently situated to us. The site for the location of the theatre would be ideal viewing it from all aspects of the questions,health,traffic and proximity of distance.

We, therefore, pray that you may be pleased to grant all such facilities to them as are necessary to expeditiously construct the Cinema Theatre at the Balmatta corner.

True Copy.

Sri S.Shanker Alva, B.Sc.(Edin) Retd. Forest Officer.
K.Narasimha Hegde, Mangalore Electric Supply Co.,Ltd.
Dr.B.R.Hegde,
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D.Balakrishna Hegde, Kadri
P.M.Hegde, G.D.A.,R.A., Auditor
K.Babu Rao, Advocate
P.Janardhan Rao, Advocate
K.Krishna Shetty, Dt.Board Member
B.R.Adyanthaya
B.Shambhu Shetty
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A.Damodar Kamath, Merchant
K.Mahabala Shetty, B.A.,B.L., Secretary, Vijaya Bank,Ltd
M.Shivappa Alva
N.S.Krishna Rao, Kadri
Janardhan Bhandary, Balmatta
K.Srinvasa Hegde
K.J.Achar , Kadri
S.Subbanna Chetty
K.Uggappa Shetty, B.A.,B.L., Advocate
B.Krishna Rai
H.Vittal Shetty
M.Jagathchandra Shetty
B.Rathnasabhapathy Shetty
K.Chandu
K.Srinivasa Rao, Coffee Hotel, Kadri
P.Venkat Rao, Kadri
P.Ramakrishna Rao, Sri Ram Pharmacy, Mangalore
K.Narayana Hegde,
K.Ramachandra Shetty, Pintos Lane
K.Narnappaya, Kadri Temple
M.Vittal Kini, Kodialbail
Lakshmana Shenoy
B.S.Prabhu, Merchant, Padavu
M.M,Bhandary, Agent, Vijaya Bank,Ltd
K.Keshava Prabhu, Merchant
K.S.Kolkebail, Karangalpady.
M.Jayarama Shetty
Sadananda Ballal, Kankanady
H.Manjaya Shetty, Kodialbail.
B.Ravichandra Hegde, Kankanady
H.Karunakara Ballal
B.Devappa, Soda Factory
J.A.Suvarna, Konchady
P.Anandachary, Bejey
U.Giriappa Nayak
B.Gopalkrishna Shetty, Kadri
B.Vishwanatha Alva, Konchady
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Victor D' Souza, Upper Bendore
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John Salins, Balmatta
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S.S.Nazareth Retd. Schoolmaster
Ignatius D' Souza
M.N.Prabhu, B.A.,B.L., Advocate
M.Thimma Pai, Kadri
M.Vasudeva Rao

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MINISTER FOR HOME 5 JUL 1947 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

2nd July, 1947.

Hon'ble Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my Telegram of even date reading as under:

S6040 " AGITATION AGAINST KARNATAKA THEATRES BY SMALL CLIQUE. PUBLIC AGAINST ANY INTERFERENCE "

The entire public of Mangalore barring the small clique above referred to are in favour of the location of The Karnataka Theatres. Any interference at this stage would mean irreparable loss to all concerned and would lead to great commotion in the city.

Nos 44715 to 44718 and 44731 to 44739 may be sent Home Dept to E.P.H. q.o. (They have papers on subject)

Yours faithfully,

BRANCH SECRETARY.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 9 JUL 1947 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT E.P.H.

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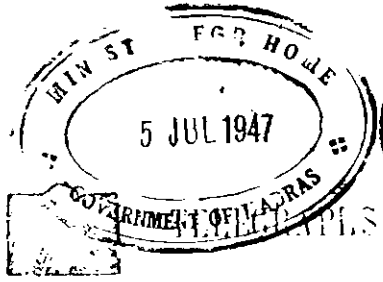

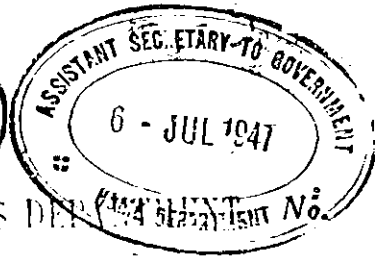

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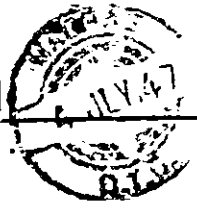

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President Town Congress Committee.

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Pascal Tremblay

Secrétaire

Veuillez trouver ci-joint le procès-verbal de la séance régulière du conseil municipal tenue le 5 février 2024.

Merci de votre collaboration

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Prime Minister
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ANGALORE PUBLIC STG GLY FAVOUR KARNATAK THEATRES LOCATION STOP

INTERFERENCE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD MEAN FLOUTING PUBLIC

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TO

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Reopening of Kannada [illegible] agitation will be against justice and [illegible] corrupt popular ministry [illegible] encourage Parliam agitation stop pri[illegible] cite most [illegible] for cinema house

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Reopening of Kennedale theatre expected
will be reopened Sunday and Monday
after total interior remodeling. Total seating
capacity will be 1,000 for cinema fare.
Present admission prices will be maintained.

Present Postmen and Lower
Grade staff Junior Executive MINOR office
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Prime 447 6/7/47 Ministers Fort St George Madras

General public definitely favours Karnataka theatre Stop present agitation Started and engineered by by few interested Stop hostel idea too Costly for tax payer under present Circumstances Stop any change now goes by unfair to big body of Shareholders representing all Communities

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TO

447-S/6/B Prime minister ms

Public greatly agitated Perturbed over threatened interference by Govt regarding Karnataka theatres affair drop. pray dont disturb previous order since people want theatre there.

z Adiga Advocate z

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stop from dark disturb previous order
since people used theatre there

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PRIME MINISTER

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P. Prime Minister Mb

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general public alarmed over govts move to re consider licence granted Karnataka Telephone Shall favour present location Stop Govt do not interfere Rao Bahadur K.T Alva President Bunt

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5th July, 47

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Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avanashalingam Chettiar
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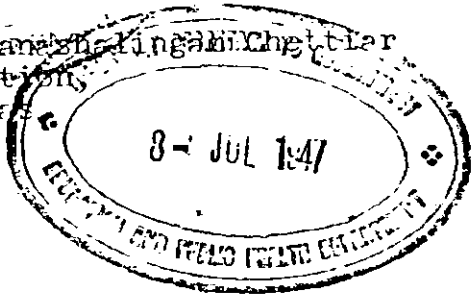

Dear Sir,

55849

I confirm to have wired to you today as under:

" KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE CONVINIENT TO ALL. PRAY DONT INTERFERE"

The Karnataka Theatres' site is really the most convinient and will be of immense help to the residents living in that part of the city. The other theatres are situated far away. As such I hope you will not interfere with the licence already granted to them.

Yours faithfully,

K K Hegde

NATIONAL TILE WORKS,

BOLUR, MANGALORE, S. K.

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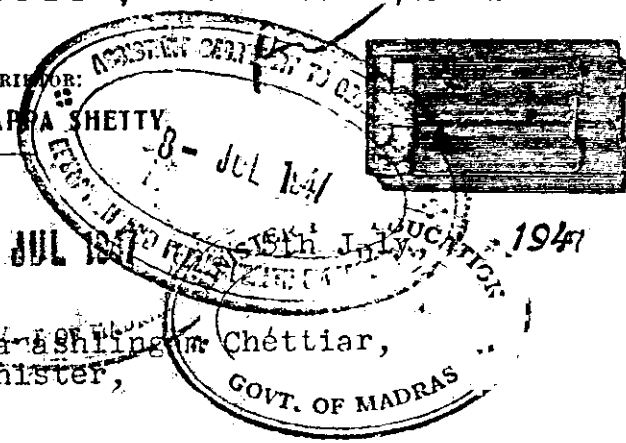

Hon.Sri T.Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Education Minister,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

55850 I beg to confirm having wired to you yesterday as under:

> "AGITATION AGAINSI KARNATAKA THEATRES MALICIOUS. IF PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL IS ONLY OBJECTION THEN ALL EXISTING THEATRES SHOULD ALSO BE CLOSED? PRAY DO'T INTERFERE.

Every other theatre in the city is in closer proximity to one school or another than the Karnataka Theatres site, to the Government Training School. As such there is absolutely no force in the argument that there is a school nearby.

I hope the Government will not interfere at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

B. Thimmappa Shetty

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The South Kanara Land Holders' Association,

(REGISTERED SOCIETY NO. 5 OF 1945.)

Ref. No.....

Mangalore, 4th July, 1947

K.S.HEGDE, M.A., B.L.
ADVOCATE.

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8 JUL 1947
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avinashalingam Chetti[illegible]
Minister for Education,
Govt.of Madras, Madras.

Dear Sir,

55-45

This is to confirm my following telegram reading as follows:

" FEW PEOPLE EXPLOITING SCHOOL SITUATION FOR PERSONAL ENDS. PUBLIC STRONGLY FAVOUR KARNATAKA THEATRE SITE. INTERFERENCE MEANS HEAVY LOSS ALL ROUND. PRAY RESPECT PUBLIC OPINION"

Interference at this stage particularly when the Karnatak Theatres Company has gone far ahead with their construction work would be most unfair to all parties concerned.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION GOVT OF MADRAS

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852 Minister for Edu

Karnataka theatres site convinient to all stop pray dont interfere = Doctor

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8 - JUL 1947

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M&TPSO

The Karnataka Theatres, Limited

[Incorporated in British India. Liability of Members is Limited]

REGISTERED HEAD OFFICE JAYANT BUILDING, MAIDAN ROAD,

MANGALORE.

MANAGING AGENTS:
JANASONS, LIMITED,
MANGALORE

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4th July, 1947

Hon'ble Sri T.S.AvanaShalingam Chetti,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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GOVT. OF MADRAS

Dear Sir,

55843

I beg to confirm my following telegram sent this day:

" OPPOSITION KARNATAKA THEATRES SMALL INTERESTED PARTY. LARGE BODY SHAREHOLDERS DISTRICT AND OUTSIDE ALARMED OVER MOVE TO RECONSIDER LICENCE. COMPANYS PRESENT COMMITMENTS OVER LAKH AND HALF. PLEASE PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS."

8 - JUL 1947

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

U. Ahmed Hussain

Ex Municipal Councillor
Ex Special Rationing Committee Member
Ex War Committee Member
President, Muslim League
President, Muslim Co-operative Stores
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Mangalore 3rd July, **1947**

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
GOVT. OF MADRAS
8 - JUL 1947

Hon'ble Sri T. S. Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education.
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my following telegram sent today:

55844

MANGALORE PUBLIC STRONGLY FAVOUR KARNETAKA THATRES LOCATION. INTERFERENCE PRESENT CIRVUMSTANCES WOULD MEAN FLOUTING PUBLIC OPINION DISCARDING MUNICIPAL DECISION. KINDLY RESPECT PUBLIV FEELINGS.

Since I was a member of the Town Planning Committee and the Municipal Council, I have been in close contact with the progress of the Karnataka Theatres, Ltd. The entire matter was discussed ~~with~~ threadbare and counseld appeared on either sides and represented matters with the Town Planning Committee and in the Municipal Council. It was after matured consideration that the Municipality by an overwhelming majority approved the site. I have also information that the site is approved by the Hon'ble Ministers for Public Health & Local Self Governments.

The Karnataka Theatres gave gone far a head with construction work and to disturb them at this juncture would mean enormous loss of money and needless to say would aggregate to communal ranker and disagreement.

I would therefore appeal to you not to interfere in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

U. Ahmed Hussain

Madras Presidency Postmen & Lower Grade Staff Union,

SOUTH KANARA BRANCH,
MANGALORE.

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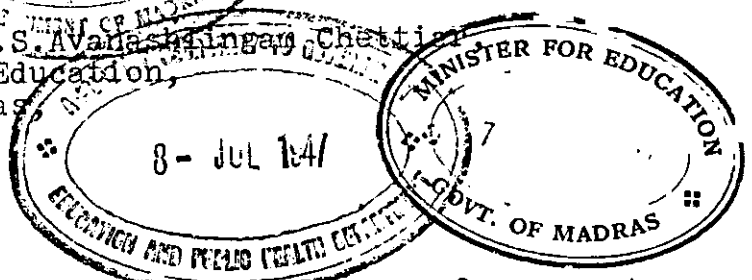

Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avanashlingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

5845

REOPENING OF KARNATAKA THEATRES AGITATION WILL BE AGAINST JUSTICE AND FAIRPLAY. POPULAR MINISTRY SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE PARTISAN AGITATION. PRESENT SITE MOST SUITED FOR CINEMA HOUSE.

The present Karnataka Theatres' site is most suited for a Cinema House. The agitation by some self-interested capitalists should not be encouraged by a popular Ministry. Party and power politics cannot come in the way of a just cause. If it comes, it will be the anti thesis of what the Congress stood for.

Except some privileged few, all are for a Theatre at the present site. The work has progressed a lot. It will be against justice to re-open the question at this juncture.

Hope a popular Ministry will not go against a right cause.

Yours faithfully,

B. Bhaskara Rao
PRESIDENT.

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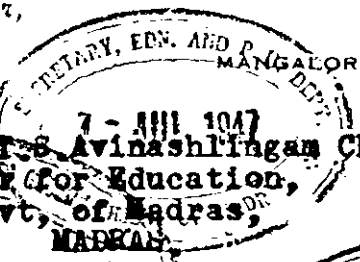

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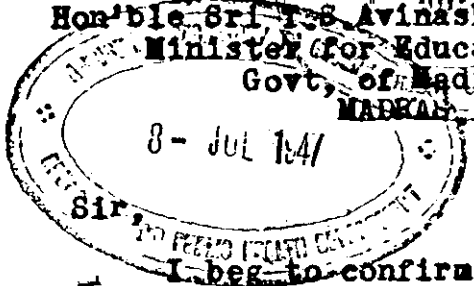

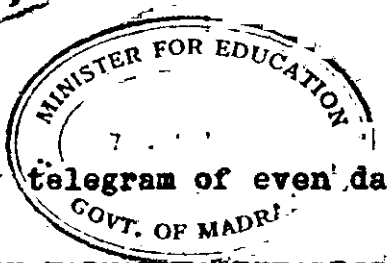

Sir,

I beg to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

"INTERFERENCE NOW IN KARNATAKA THEATRES UNFAIR AND UNJUST. PRESENT LOCATION SERVES LARGE UNREPRESENTED AREAS OF CITY "

As a resident of Kodialbail Ward, I feel that the location of a Cinema Theatre of the Karnataka Theatres is the most convenient plot not only for the residents of my locality but also of Maroli, Padav, Balmatta, Kadri and Kankanady, as the plot is centrally situated for all these wards. All the other theatres are all located in very conjested areas and make it difficult to attend evening shows,

Hope the Government will not think of re-considering the licence granted to the Karnataka Theatres, Ld.

Yours faithfully,

D.S. Nagarkar

K. Suryanarayana Adiga

Advocate

Mangalore

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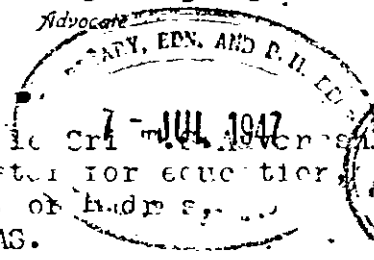


To
The Hon'ble Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as follows:.

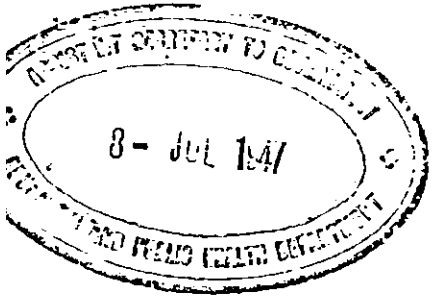
"PUBLIC GENERALLY GRIEVED LEARN PROPOSAL RECONSIDER ISSUE BUILDING LICENCE THEATRE AFFAIR. PEOPLE DESIRE ITS RETENTION OLDERS SITE FACILITATE MY, MINE"

The general public is sorry that the Government is thinking of re-considering the question of the issuing of the building licence. We are all keen on having a theatre there, ie., in the present site which is centrally situated and is most convenient for people residing in that part of the city.

Hope you will do the needful.

Yours faithfully,

K. Suryanarayana Adiga



RAO BAHADUR K. T. ALWA,
RETIRED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

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Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:-

5846

GENERAL PUBLIC ALARMED OVER GOVERNMENTS MOVE TO RECONSIDER LICENCE GRANTED TO KARNATAKA THEATRES. ALL FAVOUR PRESENT LOCATION. PRAY DO NOT INTERFERE.

The Mangalore public are alarmed over the rumour that the Government is thinking of raking up the Karnataka Theatres question. Their construction work has progressed very much and apart from that the public is very much in favour of a theatre in the present location, as it is situated in a convinient locality for everyone concerned.

Hope the Government will not interfere at this late stage.

Yours faithfully,

K. T. Alwa

ADDRESS: SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8- JUL 1947
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RAO BAHADUR
M. GIRIAPPA, B.A.

HIGH-LAND HOUSE
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(S. KANARA)

Dated, 8. 7. 1947.

Hon.Sri T.S.Avanashalingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I confirm to have wired to you to-day as under:-

57588

" KARNATAKA THEATRES CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSED CONSIDERABLY . GOVERNMENT INTEREFERENCE NOW UNDESIRABLE. PUBLIC STRONGLY APPROVE PRESENT THEATRE SITE.

Hope the Government will not go against public opinion in this case.

Yours faithfully,

M. Giriappa

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Hon.Sri T.S.Avanashalingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
GOVT. OF MADRAS
11 JUL 1947

Dear Sir,

56589

This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

"PUBLIC FEEL KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE IDEAL LOCATION. OPPOSITION INTERESTED F E W INTERFERENECE UNFAIR"

It would be unfair to interfere in the matter of the Karnataka Theatres since the larger majority of people feel that it is an ideal and most convenient plot for location of a first class theatre. The Karnataka Theatres have gone far ahead with their constructions and it would be a too costly move to disturb the Company from activities.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT.

Home Dept.

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South Kanara District Town Congress Committee

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Ref. No.

Date 1. 7. 1947

Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli,B.Sc (Aberdeen)
Minister for local self Government,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:-

"Agitation against Karmataka Theatres selfish ends. Cinema after school hours. Public favours theatre location.

That so soon after the late Ministry had passed orders approving the site, the present Ministry should think of re-considering the same question makes one and all of us feel that there is neither safety nor certainity in these days.

I therefore pray that the Congress Ministry would not give room to such misgivings in the minds of the public.

Yours faithfully,

K.N. Rao

— President,
TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

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2) Letter from Dame Nice
3) Tgm from A Congress Committee
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Local Self-Govt Minister

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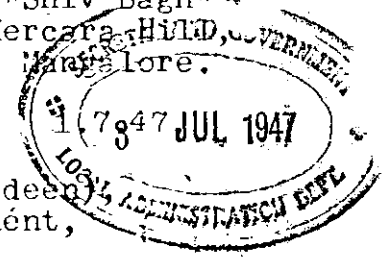

Chandramauli, Esq., B.Sc. (Aberdeen),
Minister for Local Self Government,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram reading as under:

> GENERAL PUBLIC DEFINITELY FAVOURS KARNATAKA THEATRE. PRESENT AGITATION STARTED AND ENGINEERED BY FEW INTERESTED. HOSTEL IDEA TOO COSTLY FOR TAX PAYER UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY CHANGE NOW GROSSLY UNFAIR TO BIG BODY OF SHAREHOLDERS REPRESENTING ALL COMMUNITIES.

In sending this, I am voicing the opinion of the general public as a citizen. I would wish to add that personally I am not even a share-holder.

Yours faithfully,

By T. B. INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT. No

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Local Self Govt Minister MS Fort St George.

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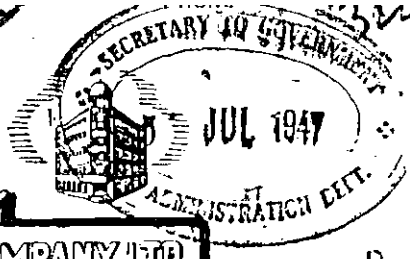

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BRANCH OFFICE- MAIDAN ROAD, MANGALORE

2nd July, 1947.

Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli, B.Sc (Aberdeen),
Minister for local self Government,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

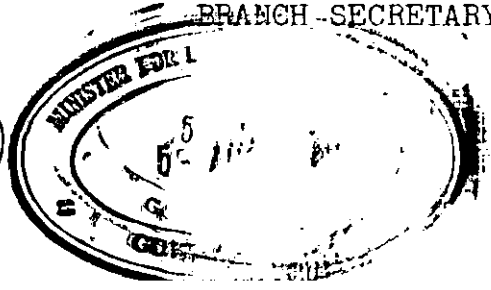
This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:

" AGITATION AGAINST KARNATAKA THEATRES BY SMALL CLIQUE PUBLIC AGAINST ANY INTERFERENCE "

The entire public of Mangalore barring the small clique above referred to are in favour of the location of The Karnataka Theatres. Any interference at this stage would mean irreparable loss to all concerned and would lead to great commotion in the city.

Yours faithfully,

BRANCH SECRETARY.



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Spl d 4/7 Minister for Local Self Govt Mds

Public greatly agitated perturbed over threatened interference by Govt regarding Karnataka theatres affair stop pray dont disturb previous orders since people want theatre there

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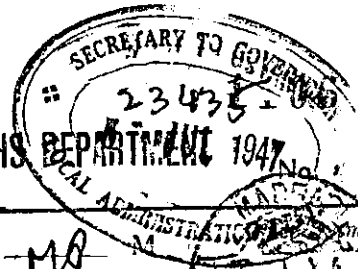

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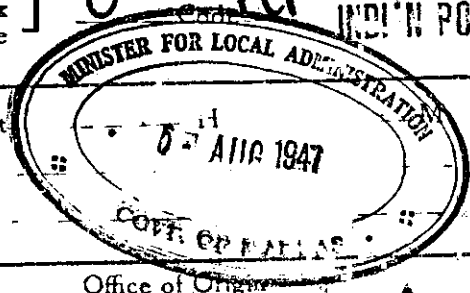

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TO Local Self Govt minister for St George

Reopening of Karnataka theatre agitation will be against justice and fairplay stop popular ministry should not encourage partisan agitation stop present site most suited for cinema house

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Performance of Kannada theatre artistes will be assessed during their participation in major festivals and other important occasions.

Minimum qualification for cinema fame artist should be

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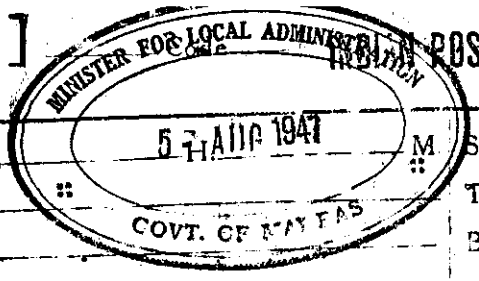

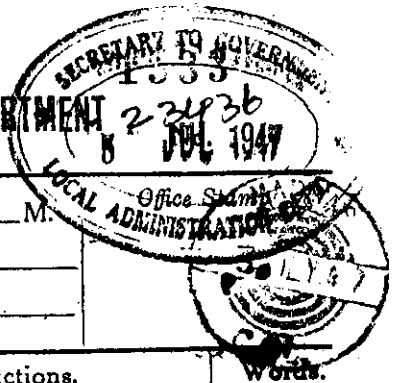

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TO O OG MANGALORE 3 - 36 Minister for Local Self Govt Madras

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Education Minister

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Inspected Karnataka Theatres

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Education Minister His Excellency

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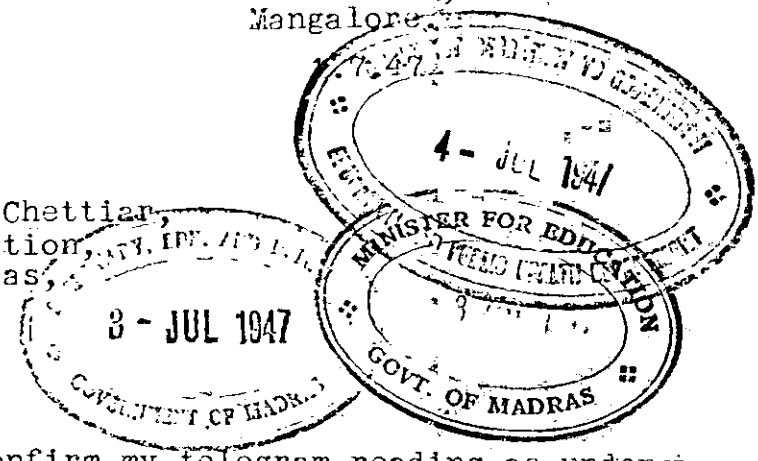

Sri Avanashlingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram reading as under:-

GEEERAL PUBLIC DEFINITELY FAVOURS KARNATAKA THEATRE. PRESENT AGITATION STARTED AND ENGINEERED BY FEW INTERESTED. HOSTEL IDEA TOO COSTLY FOR TAX PAYER UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY CHANGE NOW GROSSLY UNFAIR TO BIG BODY OF SHARE-HOLDERS REPRESENTING ALL COMMUNITIES.

In sending this, I am voicing the opinion of the general public as a citizen. I would wish to add that personally I am not even a share-holder.

Yours faithfully,

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General public definitely favours Kannatara theatre site present agitation started and engineered by by few interests site best ideal too costly for tax payer under present circumstances any change now greatly unfair to big body of ratepayers re presenting all communities Narayan Pillay Ramaka

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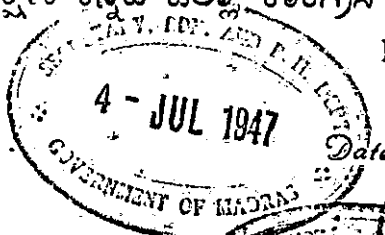

Hon'ble Sri Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:

> Agitation against Karnataka Theatres selfish ends. Cinema after school hours. Public favours theatre location."

That so soon after the late Ministry had passed orders approving the site, the present Ministry should think of re-considering the same question makes one and all of us feel that there is neither safety nor certainity in these days

I therefore, pray that the Congress Ministry would not give room to such misgivings in the minds of the public.

Yours faithfully,

K.N. Alwa
President,
TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

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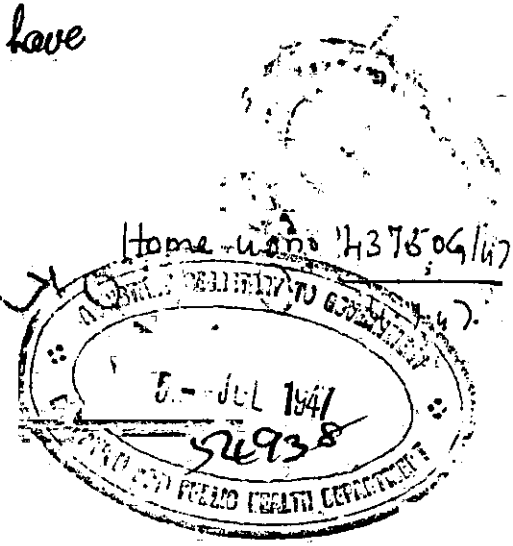

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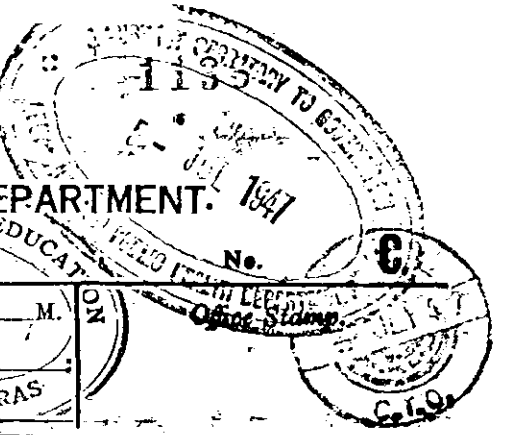

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION — 3 — GOVT. OF MADRAS

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Education Minister Madras

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84 443 Minister for education Madras

Public greatly agitated Perturbed over threatened interference by Govt regarding Karnataka theatres affair stop pray dont disturb previous orders since people want theatre there

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Hon'ble Mr. KNA 3

Public greatly disturbed Perturbed over threatened interference by Govt stopping Karnataka theatres offering drop from short dispute previous orders three people would theatre there

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South Kanara District Congress Committee

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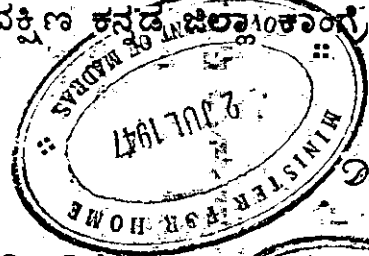

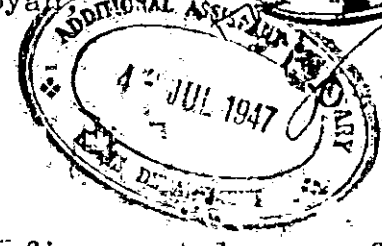

Hon'ble Dr.Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras..

Dear Sir,

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This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:

INSPECTED KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE WORK PROGRESSED CONSIDERABLY. AGITATION ~~PARTISAN PERSONAL~~ PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST ANY INTEREFERENCE.

I think it will not be proper to re-open this question which was settled once after due consideration.

The general public feel very much upset over the attempt made to re-open the questio Hope you will be pleased to keep things satus quo anti.

Yours faithfully,

K K Shetty
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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TO Minister for Home Ms.

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TO Home minister Govt of George

Reopening of Karnataka theatre agitation will be against justice and fairplay. Govt popular ministry should not encourage fascism agitation stop present site most suited for cinema house

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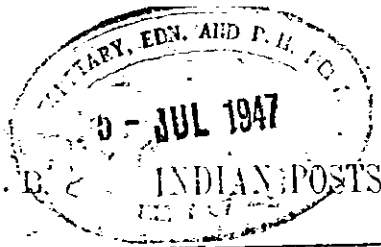

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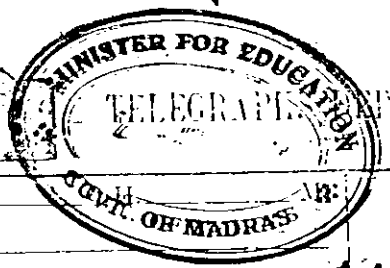

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Hon'ble Sri Avanashalingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

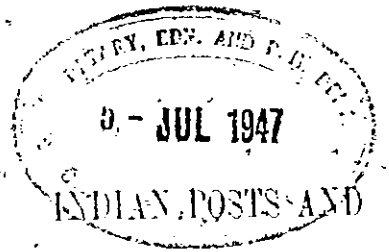
This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

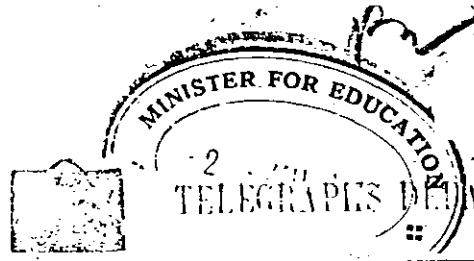
53380 " AGITATION AGAINST KARNATAKA THEATRES BY SMALL CLIQUE. PUBLIC AGAINST ANY INTERFERENCE "

The entire public of Mangalore barring the small clique above referred to are in favour of the location of The Karnataka Theatres. Any interference at this stage would mean irreparable loss to all concerned and would lead to great commotion in the city.

Yours faithfully,

BRANCH SECRETARY.





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AGITATION AGAINST KARNATAKA THEATRE MALICIOUS STOP IF PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL IS ONLY OBJECTION THEN ALL EXISTING THEATRES SHOULD ALSO BE CLOSED STOP PRAY DONT INTERFERE

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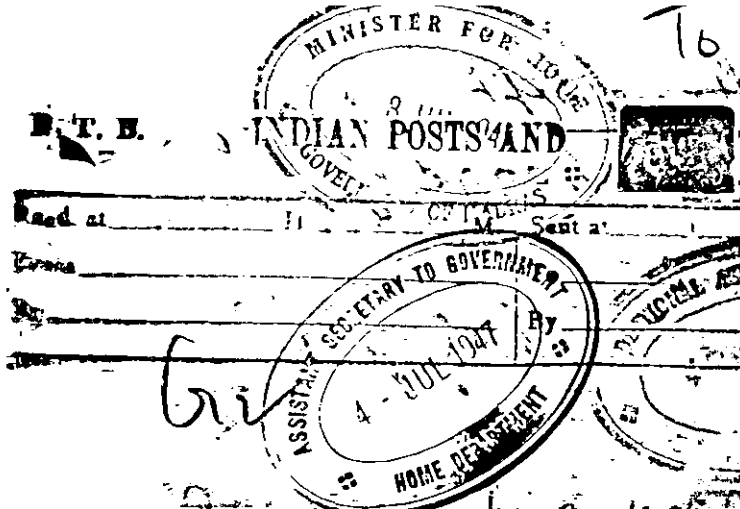

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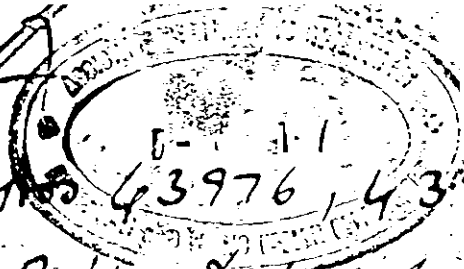

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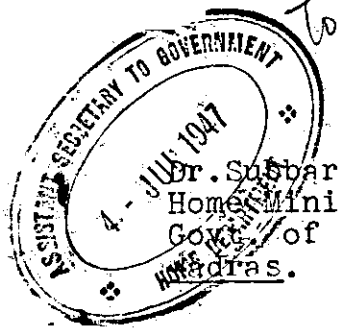

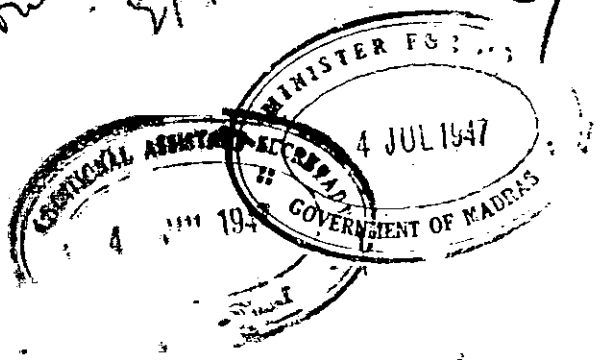

To

Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

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In sending this, I am voicing the opinion of the general public as a citizen. I would wish to add that personally I am not even a share-holder.

Yours faithfully,

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Minister for Home

Public greatly agitated perturbed over threatened interference by Govt regarding Karnataka theatres affair stop pray dont disturb previous orders since people want theatre there

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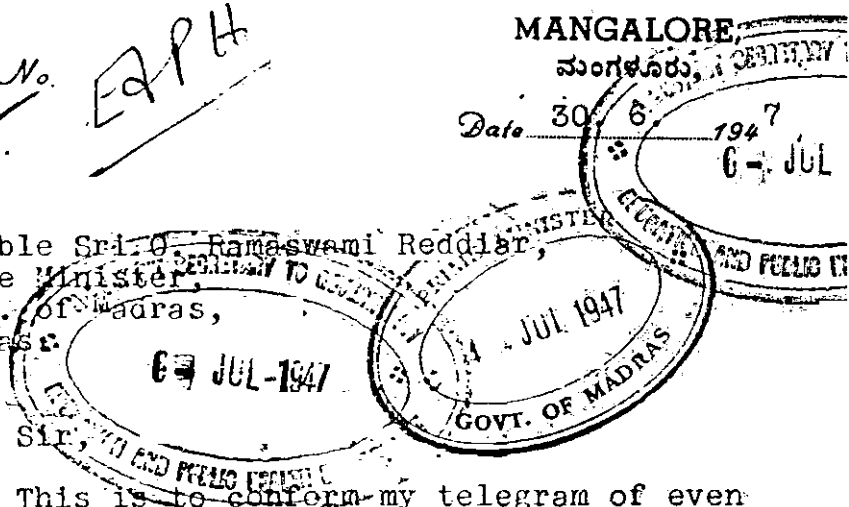

Hon'ble Sri. O. Ramaswami Reddiar,
Prime Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to conform my telegram of even date reading as under:-

INSPECTED KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE WORK PROGRESSED CONSIDERABLY AGITATION PARTISAN PERSONAL PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST ANY INTERFERENCE.

I think it will not be proper to re-open this question which was settled once after due consideration.

The general public feel very much upset over the attempt made to re-open the question Hope you will be pleased to keep things satus quo anti.

Yours faithfully,

K K Shetty

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mangalore TOWN

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Hon'ble Sri O.P.Ramaswami Reddiar,
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Government of Madras,
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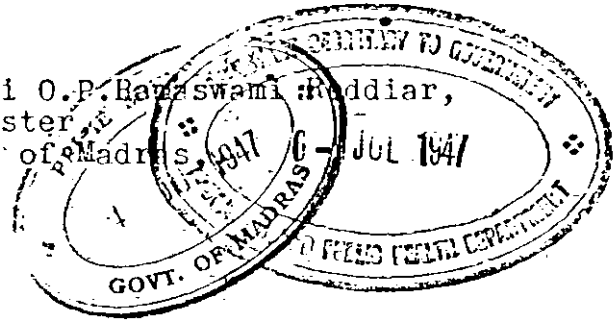

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Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:

> "Agitation against Karnataka theatres selfish ends. Cinema after school hours. Public favours theatre location."

That so soon after the late Ministry had passed orders approving the site, the present Ministry should think of re-considering the same question makes one and all of us feel that there is neither safety nor certainit in these days.

I therefore pray that the Congress Ministry would not give room to such misgivings in the minds of the public.

Yours faithfully,

K.N.Rao

PRESIDENT,
TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

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TO

Education minister fort St George
Madras

Reopening of Karnataka theatre agitation will be against justice and fairplay stop popular ministry should not encourage partisan agitation stop present site most suited for cinema house

President postmen and lower grade staff union cooperative HINDU official employees union and asst district scout commr

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FEW PEOPLE EXPLOITING SCHOOL SITUATION FOR PERSONAL ENDS STOP PUBLIC STRONGLY FAVOUR KARNATAKA THEATRE SITE STOP INTERFERENCE MEANS HEAVY LOSS ALL ROUND STOP PRAY RESPECT PUBLIC OPINION%

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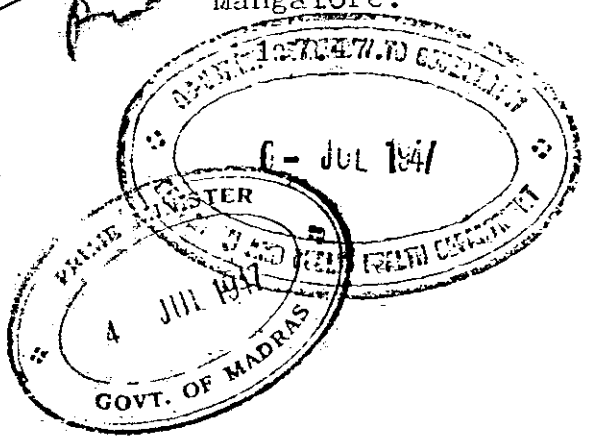

Sri O.Ramaswami Reddiar,
Prime Minister,
Government of Madras,
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Madras.

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Yours faithfully,

M Rao

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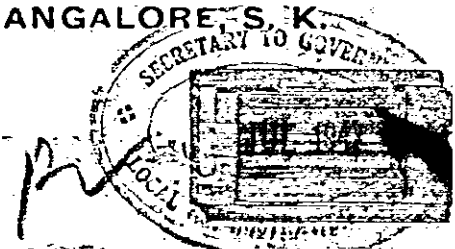

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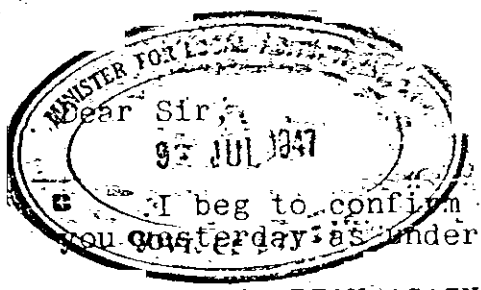

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm having wired to you yesterday as under

AGITATION AGAINST KARNATAKA THEATRES MALICIOUS. IF PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL IS ONLY OBJECTION THEN ALL EXISTING THEATRES SHOULD BE CLOSED PRAY DONT INTERFERE"

Every other theatre in the city is in closer proximity to one school or another than the Karnataka theatres site to the Government Training School As such there is absolutely no force in the argument that there is a school nearby.

Yours faithfully

11/7/47 B. Thimmappa Shetty

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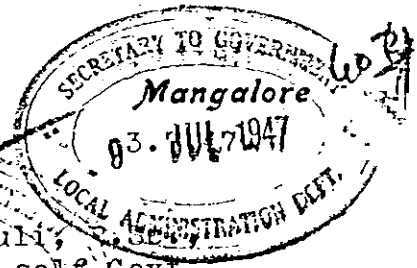

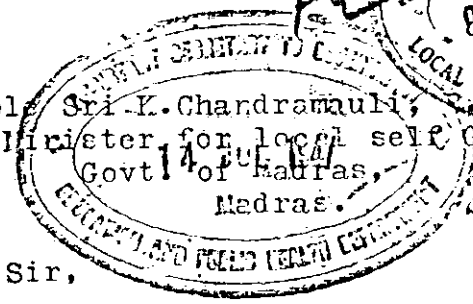

Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramauli,
Minister for local self Govt.,
Govt of Madras,
Madras.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

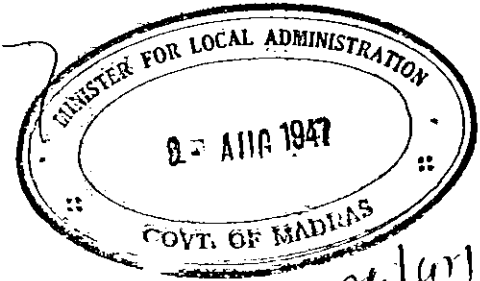
"PUBLIC GREATLY AGITATED PERTURBED OVER THREATENED INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT REGARDING KARNATAKA THEATRE AFFAIR. PRAY DONT DISTURB PREVIOUS ORDERS SINCE PEOPLE WANT THATRE THERE.

The general public is sorry that the Government is thinking of re-considering the question of the issuing of the building licence. We are all keen on having a theatre in the present site as it is centrally situated and is most convenient for people residing in that part of the city.

Hope you will do the needful.

Yours faithfully,

K. Suryanarayana Adiga



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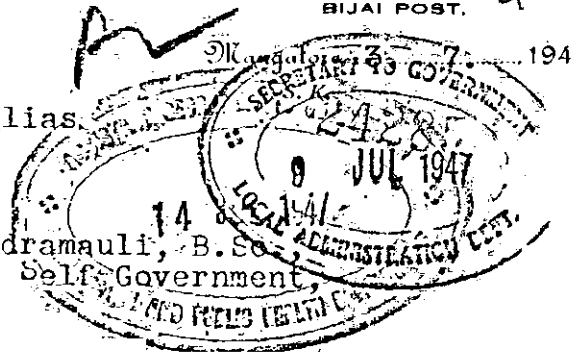

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Nadavera Sangha

Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli, B.Sc.,
Minister for Local Self Government,
MADRAS

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:-

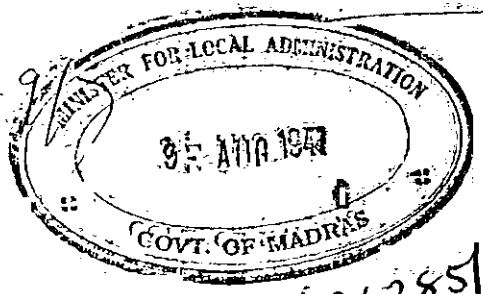
> GENERAL PUBLIC ALARMED OVER GOVERNMENTS MOVE TO RECONSIDER LICENCE GRANTED TO KARNATAKA THEATRES. ALL FAVOUR PRESENT LOCATION. PRAY DO NOT INTERFERE.

The Mangalore public are alarmed over the rumour that the Government is thinking of raking upthe Karnataka Theatres question. Their constructi work has progressed very much and apart from that the public is veru much in favour of a theatre in the present location, as it is situated in a convinient locality for everyone concerned.

Hope the Government will not interfere at this late stage.

Yours faithfully,

K. T. Alwa



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MANGALORE

K. K. HEGDE, M.B., B.S.

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Hon'ble Sri K. Chamdramauli, B.Sc., Aberdeen,
Minister for Local Self Government,
Madras.

Dear Sir

I confirm to have wired to you today as under:

" KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE CONVINIENT
TO ALL. PRAY DONT INTERFERE"

The Karnataka Theatres' plot is really the most convinient and will be of immense help to the residents living in that part of the city. The other theatres are situated far away. As such I hope you will not interfere with the licence already granted to them

Yours faithfully,

S. Nagarkar

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KODIALBAIL.
MANGALORE 3.7. 1947

Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli, B.Sc.,Aberdeen,
Minister for local Self Govt.,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

14 JUL 1947
24282
REGISTRY AND RECORDS (SECRETARIAT) DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir.

I beg to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

> INTERFERENCE NOW KARNATAKA THEATRES UNFAIR AND UNJUST. PRESENT LOCATION SERVES LARGE UNREPRESENTED AREAS OF C I T Y"

As a resident of Kodialbail ward, I feel that the location of a cinema theatre of the Karnataka Theatre is the most convenient plot not only for the residents of my locality but also of Kadri, Padav, aroli, almatta and Kanknady, as the plot is centrally situated for all these wards. All the other theatres are located in very conjested areas and make it difficult to attend evening shows.

Hope the Government will not think of re-considering the licence granted to the Karnatak Theatres, Ltd.

Yours faithfully,

S. Nagarkar

MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
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Madras Presidency Postmen & Lower Grade Staff Union,

SOUTH CANARA BRANCH.

MANGALORE.

14 JUL 1947 24279

9 JUL 1947 SECRETARY TO GOVT. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

3rd July, 1947.

Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramauli, B.Sc(Aberdeen),
Minister for Local Self Government,
Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION 9 JULY 1947 GOVT. OF MADRAS

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

REOPENING OF KARNATAKA THEATRES AGITATION WILL BE AGAINST JUSTICE AND FAIRPLAY. POPULAR MINISTRY SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE PARTISAN-AGITATION. PRESENT SITE MOST SUITED FOR CINEMA HOUSE.

The present Karnataka Theatres site is most suited for a Cinema House. The agitation by some self-interested capitalists should not be encouraged by a popular Ministry. Party and power politics cannot come in the way of a just cause. If it comes, it will be the anti thesis of what the Congress stood for.

Except some privileged few, all are for a Theatre at the present site. The work has progressed a lot. It will be against justice to re-open the question at this juncture

Hope a popular Ministry will not go against a right cause. -

Yours faithfully,

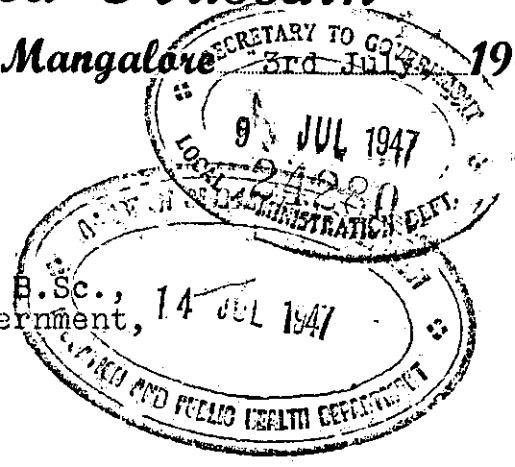
PRESIDENT

24279/47

U Ahmed Hussain

Ex Municipal Councillor,
Ex Special Rationing Committee Member
Ex War Committee Member
President, Muslim League
President, Muslim Co-operative Stores
President, Muslim Parents' Association

Mangalore 3rd July 1947.



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Madras.

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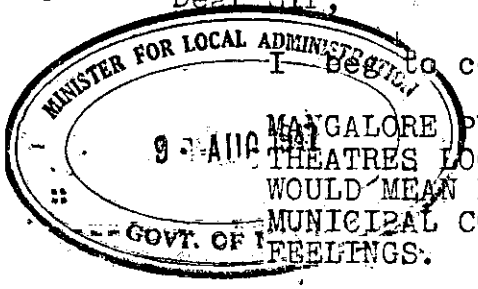

I beg to confirm my following telegram sent today.

MANGALORE PUBLIC STRONGLY FAVOUR KARNATAKA THEATRES LOCATION. INTERFERENCE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD MEAN FLOUTING PUBLIC OPINION DISCARDING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL DECISION. KINDLY RESPECT PUBLIC FEELINGS.

Since I was a member of the Town Planning Committee and the Municipal Council, I have been in close contact with the progress of the Karnataka Theatres, Ltd. The entire matter was discussed threadbare and counsels appeared on both sides and represented matters with the Town Planning Committee and in the Municipal Council. It was after matured consideration that the Municipality by a overwhelming majority approved the city. I have also information that the site is approved by the Hon'ble Ministers for Health and Local self Govt.

The Karnataka Theatres have gone far ahead with construction work and to disturb them at this juncture would mean enormous loss of money and needless to say would aggregate to communal ranker and disagreement.

I would therefore appeal to you not to interfere in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

U Ahmed Hussain

The Karnataka Theatres, Limited

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MANGALORE.

MANAGING AGENTS:
JANASONS, LIMITED,
MANGALORE.

SECRETARY TO GOVT. JUL 1947 LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

4th July, 1947

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Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli, B.Sc.(Aberdeen),
Minister for Local Self-Government,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

SECRETARY TO GOVT. 14 JUL 1947 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir;

MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION 8 JUL 1947 CONFIDENTIAL

I beg to confirm my following telegram sent this day:-

" OPPOSITION KARNATAKA THEATRES SMALL INTERESTED PARTY. LARGE BODY SHAREHOLDERS DISTRICT AND OUTSIDE ALARMED OVER MOVE TO RECONSIDER LICENCE. COMPANYS PRESENT COMMITMENTS OVER LAKH AND HALF. PLEASE PROTECT SHARE-HOLDERS."

Yours faithfully,

Chairman,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION GOVT. OF MADRAS

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Local Self Govt. Minister Mds.

Kamalaka theatre Construction work progressed Considerably stop Govt. interfere now undesirable stop public strongly approve present theatre site

see Mr. Rao Bahadur Sriniva

14 JUL 1947

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVT. MADRAS

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MADRAS SECRETARIAT 9 JUL 1947 LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

MINISTER FOR [illegible] ADMINISTRATION H. M.

9 JUL 1947

GOVT. OF MADRAS

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Madras Local Self Govt ministers Me

Public fee Karnataka Theatre Site

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The South Kanara Land Holders' Association,

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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ADMINISTRATION

K.S.HEGDE,M.A.,B.L.
Advocate.

Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli, B.Sc.(Aberdeen),
Minister for Local Self Government,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

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"FEW PEOPLE EXPLOITING SCHOOL SITUATION FOR PERSONAL ENDS. PUBLIC STRONGLY FAVOUR KARNATAKA THEATRE SITE. INTERFERENCE MEANS HEAVY LOSS ALL ROUND. PRAY RESPECT PUBLIC OPINION.

Interferenece at this stage particularly when the Karnataka Theatre Company has gone far ahead with their construction work would be most unfair to all parties concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
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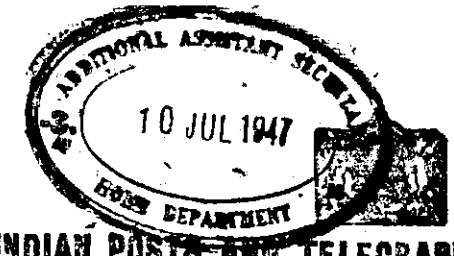

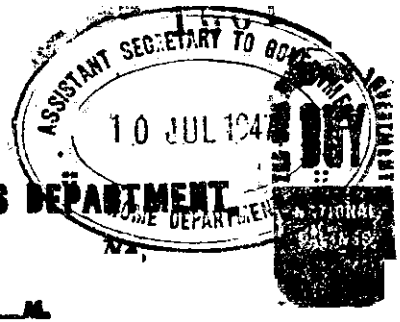

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Home Minister ~~Pls~~ 10/7/47
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Kamataka theatres Construction work progressed Considerably slow Govt interference now undesirable slow Public Strongly approve present theatre rule

Rao Bahadur Siriappa

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Temporary Commutation of Fuel Quarters and Subsistence
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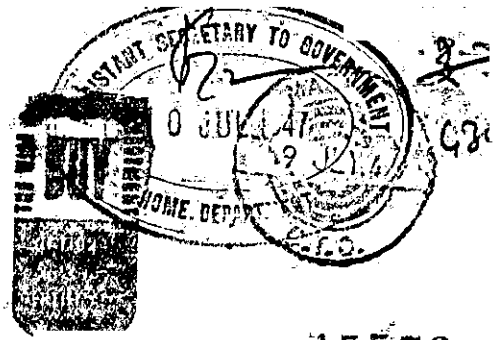

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Home Theatre Sets

Public fee Karnataka.

Ideal Location Stop opposition

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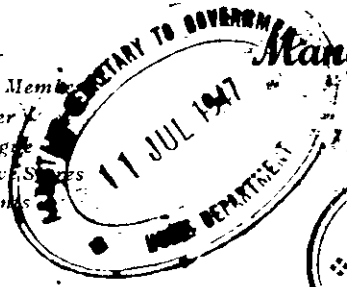
10-7-47 10.7.47 10/7/47

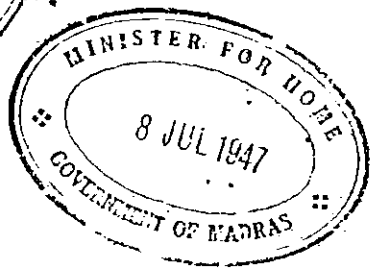
Home No. LG/SG/147-3

U. Ahmed Hussain

Ex Municipal Councillor
Ex Special Rationing Committee Member
Ex War Committee Member
President, Muslim League
President, Muslim Co-operative Stores
President, Muslim Parents Association

Mangalore 3rd July 1947





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10-7-47

Hon'ble Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my telegram sent today as follows:

"Mangalore public strongly favour Karnataka Theatres location. Interference present circumstances would mean flouting public opinion discarding municipal decision. Kindly respect public feelings."

Since I was a member of the Town Planning Committee and the Municipal Council, I have been close contact with the progress of the Karnataka Theatres, Ltd. The entire matter was discussed threadbare and counsels appeared on either sides and represented matters with the Town Planning Committee and in the Municipal Council. It was after matured consideration that the Municipality by an overwhelming majority approved the site. I have also information that the site is approved by the Hon'ble Ministers for Public Health and Local Self Governments.

The Karnataka Theatres have gone far ahead with construction work and to disturb them at this juncture would mean enormous loss of money and needless to say would aggregate to communal ranker and disagreement.

I would, therefore, appeal to you not to interfere in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

U. Ahmed Hussain

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The South Kanara Land Holders' Association,

(REGISTERED SOCIETY NO. 5 OF 1945.)

Ref. No. ..... Mangalore, 4th July, 194

K.S.HEGDE,M.A.,B.L.,
ADVOCATE.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 JUL 1947
HOME DEPARTMENT

MINISTER FOR HOME
8 JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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11-7-47

Hon'ble Dr.Subbaroyan,
Minister for Home,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:

" FEW PEOPLE EXPLOITING SCHOOL SITUATION FOR PERSONAL ENDS PUBLIC STRONGLY FAVOUR KARNATAKA THEATRE SITE. INTERFERENCE MEANS HEAVY LOSS ALL ROUND . PRAY RESPECT PUBLIC OPINION.

Interferenece at this stage particularly when the Karnataka Theatres Company has gone far ahead with their construction work would be most unfair to all parties concerned.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

The Karnataka Theatres, Limited

[Incorporated in British India, Liability of Members is Limited]

REGISTERED HEAD OFFICE: JAYANT BUILDING, MAIDAN ROAD, MANGALORE.

MANAGING AGENTS:
ANASONS, LIMITED,
MANGALORE.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 JUL 1947
HOME DEPARTMENT

4th July, 1947

MINISTER FOR HOME
8 JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Hon'ble Dr. Subbarayan,
Home Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my following telegram sent this day.

" OPPOSITION KARNATAKA THEATRES SMALL INTERESTED PARTY. LARGE BODY SHAREHOLDERS DISTRICT AND OUTSIDE ALARMED OVER MOVE TO RECONSIDER LICENCE. COMPANYS PRESENT COMMITMENTS OVER LAKH AND HALF. PLEASE PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS"

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

D. S. Nagarkar

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 JUL 1947
HOME DEPARTMENT

"SRINIKETAN"
KODIALBAIL,
MANGALORE, 3rd July 1947

MINISTER FOR HOME
8 JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Hon'ble
Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras.
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:

"Interference now Karnataka theatres unfair and unjust. Present location serves large unrepresented areas of city".

As a resident of the Kodialbail Ward, I feel that the location of a Cinema theatre of the Karnataka theatres is the most convenient plot not only for the residents of my locality but also of Kadri, Balmatta, Bejey, Kankanady, Padav and Maroli as the present plot is centrally situated for all these wards. All the other theatres in the city are all located in conjested areas and make it difficult for the general public to attend evening shows.

Hope the Government will not think of re-considering the licence granted to the Karnataka Theatres, Ltd.

Yours faithfully,

D S Nagarkar

RAO BAHADUR K. T. ALWA,
RETIRED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.
BIJAI POST.

Mangalore, 3- 7- 1947

PRESIDENT
Bunts alias Nadavara
Sangha.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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Honble Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt, of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of todate reading as under:-

"GENERAL PUBLIC ALARMED OVER GOVERNMENTS MOVE TO RECONSIDER LICENCE GRANTED TO KARNATAKA THEATRES. ALL FAVOUR PRESENT LOCATION. PRAY DO NOT INTERFERE.

The Mangalore public are alarmed over the rumour that the Government is thinking of raking up the Karnataka Theatres question. Their construction work has progressed very much. Apart from this the public is very much in favour of a theatre in the present location, as it is situated in a convinient locality for everyone concerned.

ope tthe Government will do not interfere at this late stage.

rs faithfully,

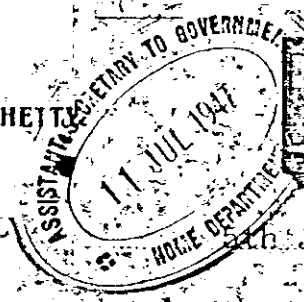
K. T. Alwa

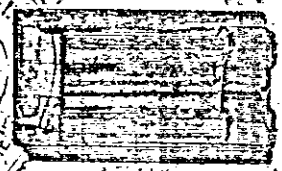
Tel: "NATIONAL"

NATIONAL TILE WORKS,

BOLUR, MANGALORE, S. K.

PROPRIETOR:
B. THIMMAPPA SHETTY.





5th July, 1947.

To
Hon'ble Subbaroyan,
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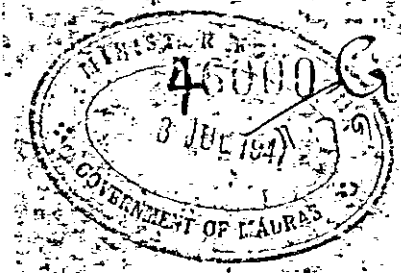

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm having wired to you yesterday as follows:-

"AGITATION AGAINST KARNATAKA THEATRES MALICIOUS. IF PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL IS ONLY OBJECTION THEN ALL EXISTING THEATRES SHOULD ALSO BE CLOSED. PRAY DONT INTERFERE"

Every other theatre in the city is in closer proximity to one school or another than the Karnataka theatres site, to the Government Training School. As such there is absolutely no force in the argument that there is a school nearby.

I hope the Government will not interfere at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

B. Thimmappa Shetty

K. A. Hospital and Pathological Laboratory

MANGALORE

K. K. HEGDE. M.B.,B.S.

HAMPANKATTA,
MANGALORE, S. I.

5th July, 1947

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 JUL 19
HOME DEPART

MINISTER FOR
GOVERNMENT OF

Hon'ble Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I confirm to have wired to you today as follows:

"KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE CONVINIENT TO ALL. PRAY DONT INTERFERE"

The Karnataka Theatres' plot is really the most convinient and will be of immense help to the residents living in that part of the city. The other theatres are situated far away. As such I hope you will not interfere with the licence already granted to them

Yours faithfully,

K. Suryanarayana Adiga
Advocate

Mangalore

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Hon'ble Dr. Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

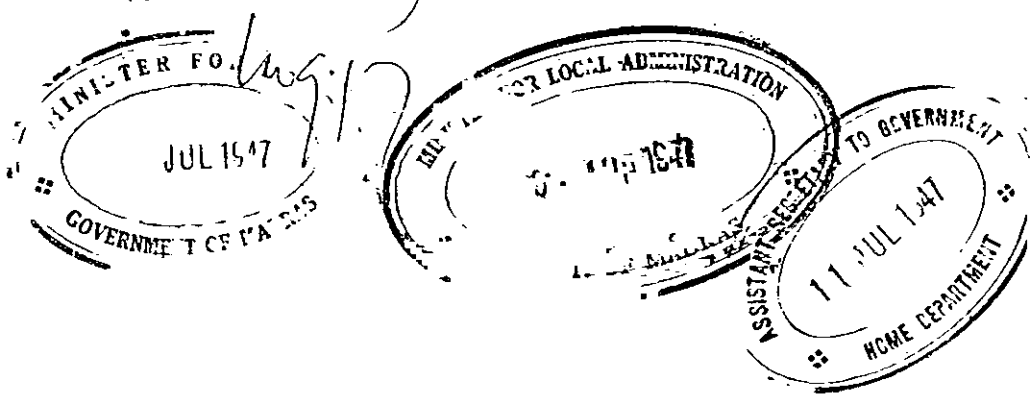
" PUBLIC GREATLY AGITATED REGULATED OVER THREATENED/ INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT REGARDING KANDAVARA THEATRE'S AFFAIR. PLEASE BOYCOTT DISTURB SERVICES CLOTHS SINCE PEOPLE WANT THEATRE THERE.

The general public is sorry that the Government is thinking of re-considering the question of issuing of the building licence. We are all keen on having a theatre in the site as the same is centrally situated and is most convenient for people residing in that part of the city.

Hope you will do the needful.

Yours faithfully,

K. Suryanarayana Adiga



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ತಾ. 7th July, 1947

Hon'ble Dr. Subba Royan,
Home Minister,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 JUL 1947
HOME DEPT

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of evendate reading as under:-

" PUBLIC FEEL KARNATAKA THEATRES SITE IDEAL LOCATION OPPOSITION INTERESTED FEW. INTERFERENCE UNFAIR "

It would be unfair to interfere in the matter of the Karnataka Theatres, Ltd since the larger majority of people feel that it is an ideal and most convinient plot for location of a first class theatre. The Karnataka Theatres have gone far ahead with their constructions and it would be a too costly move to disturb the Company from activities.

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Yours faithfully,

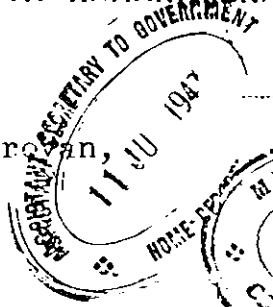
PRESIDENT.

Madras Presidency Postmen & Lower Grade Staff Union,

SOUTH KANARA BRANCH.

MANGALORE.

3rd July, 1947



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Hon'ble Dr. Subbarayan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:-

> REOPENING OF KARNATAKA THEATRES AGITATION WILL BE AGAINST JUSTICE AND FAIRPLAY. POPULAR MINISTRY SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE PARTISAN AGITATION. PRESENT SITE MOST SUITED FOR CINEMA HOUSE.

The present Karnataka Theatres site is most suited for a cinema house. The agitation by some self-interested capitalists should not be encouraged by a popular ministry. Party and power politics cannot come in the way of a just cause. If it comes it will be the antithesis of what the Congress stood for.

Except some privileged few, all are for a Theatre at the present site. The work has progressed a lot. It will be against justice to re-open the question at this juncture.

Hope a popular Ministry will not go against a right cause.

Yours faithfully,

B. Bhaskara

PRESIDENT.

Mangalore TOWN

South-Kanara-District Congress Committee.

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MANGALORE,
ಮಂಗಳೂರು,

Date 1. 7. 1947

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
Rec'd 14 JUL 1947
HOME DEPARTMENT

LEGISLATIVE
4 JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Hon'ble Dr.Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

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Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of to-date reading as under:

"Agitation against Karnataka Theatres selfish ends. Cinema after school hours. Public favours theatre location."

That so soon after the late Ministry had passed orders approving the site, the present Ministry should think of re-considering the same question makes one and all of us feel that there is neither safety nor certainity in these days.

I therefore pray that the Congress Ministry would not give room to such mis-givings in the minds of the public.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT
Town Congress Committee.

RAO BAHADUR
M. GOVINDAPPA,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
HOME DEPARTMENT
11 JUL 1947

'HIGH-LAND HOUSE'
KANKAUNDY
(S. KANARA)

Dated, 8-7-1947.

Hon.Dr.Subbaroyan,
Home Minister,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

GOVT. OF MADRAS
46017
11-7-47

Dear Sir,

I confirm to have wired to you to-day as under:-

" KARNATAKA THEATRES CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSED CONSIDERABLY. GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE NOW UNDESIRABLE. PUBLIC STRONGLY APPROVE PRESENT THEATRE SITE"

Hope the Government will not go against public opinion in this case.

Yours faithfully,

Nos 45995 to 46001
and 46003 to 46007 - 4/47

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Home 4/47

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ಕುದ್ರೋಳಿ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು,
Dated 17th July, 1947

Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramauli, B.Sc (Aberdeen),
Minister for Local Self Government,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

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Dear Sir,

This is to confirm my telegram of even date reading as under:-

" PUBLIC FEEL KARNATAKA THEATRES IDEAL LOCATION. OPPOSITION INTERESTED FEW INTERFERENCE UNFAIR"

It would be unfair to interfere in the matter of the Karnataka Theatres since the larger majority of people feel that it is an ideal and most convenient plot for location of a first class theatre. The Karnataka Theatres have gone far ahead with their constructions and it would be a too costly move to disturb the Company from activities.

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Yours faithfully,
PRESIDENT.

RAO BAHADUR
M. GIRIAPPA, B.A.

'HIGH-LAND HOUSE'
KANKAUNDY
(S. KANARA)

Dated, 8-7-194

14 JUL 194

Hon.Sri K.Chandramauli,B.Sc,(Aberdeen),
Minister for Local Self Government,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
15 JUL 1947
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir,

I confirm to have wired to you to-day as under:-

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" KARNATAKA THEATRES CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSED CONSIDERABLY. GOVERNMENT INTERFERENECE NOW UNDESIRABLE. PUBLIC STRONGLY APPROVE PRESENT THEATRE SITE"

..ope the Government will not go against public opinion in this case.

Yours faithfully,

The letters and telegrams below relate to construction of Canara Lending by the Karnataka State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Mangalore. The relevant file, which is not yet received from Canara Lending by the bank is awaited.

16.6.67

18/7/67.

Cr - 31891 F2 (4)

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Licence Mang-lore Municipality F2

construction of a cinema building

by Karnataka Theatres Ltd.

The telegrams and the letters on pp 1-14 29

relate to the construction of a cinema

building by the Karnataka Theatres Ltd

near St Aloysius College, Mang-lore.

The representation is that the govt should

not interfere ~~and~~ with the construction

of the building and that it should be

permitted. The file on the subject is in

circulation to H-m (PH), H-m (Home), H-m (Edn)

and H-P-m. The ~~representation~~ lodged

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12.7.47

15/7/47

14/7/47

From Mrs P. C. Lobo, Mangalore dtd 21-4-47

From the D.P.I. Rc no 795 G/47 dtd 20.5.47
From the Karnataka Statistical 3-6-47
Licence Mangalore Municipality.

Construction of a cinema house near
St Aloysius College. Refusal. Reconsideration
orders refused.

order 33420 dt 4.X.47

The govt are not prepared to
reconsider their orders contained
in go 1255 Medical 16-4-47

2. The petitioners are referred to
the Commr, Mangalore Municipality
for orders on their petitions to govt.

By order,

1.X.47

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To
The Director
of Public Instruction
Madras
Mangalore
The Collr, Karnataka Division
Sayani Road, Mangalore
Manager, St Aloysius Home,

Nil

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Cro 1891 Fy 47 :- From Resident, Mangalore Mpty proc dt 28-11-47 No 1279
Licence: Mangalore Municipality.
Construction of a cinema building in T.S no 168.

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To

"SECRETARY, HOME"

As this is a matter with regard to a building of a Cinema, I would like to see the file. From the petition I think it may be not wise to have a cinema built, as it is an area, where there is a nursing Home as well as a Govt. Training School. H.M.(P.H.) and H.M.(Edn.) should see what I have possibly noted.

P.S./16-4-47.

HM (Home).

1 Please see the minutes of HM (Home) above on the petition on pp 1- 4 cf.

2 On a petition from the Principal, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, on the subject under reference, the reports of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality and the Collector of South Kanara were called for. p 7 cf + p 119/(X)

3 ~~What has been done in this case, is~~ that the Commr, Mangalore Municipality has approved the site T.S no 168 for construction of a building under section 197 (1) (a) of the MD M Act for cinema shows by the Karnataka Theatres Ltd. while granting this approval the Commr has made it clear to the party that the approval of the site does in no way commit the Municipal Council to the grant of a licence for the construction of the building under section 197 (1) (b) of the MD M Act or to the grant of any other permissions under any other rules or enactments regulating cinema shows. p 7 cf

and Tahsildar has also overruled the objections and upheld the action of the Commissioner. In his report to Govt. the Collector of South Kanara also stated that the location of the cinema in the site under reference would spoil the amenities of a pleasant residential area and be detrimental to the three existing institutions - the Govt Training school for women, Dr. Muthulakshmi's Maternity nursing Home and the Mahila Seva Samaja & Women's Club). p7 ; p119/X).

4. The notes on pp 17-18 ante of file 1 45 Go 1256 P.H. dated 16.4.47 may be perused. The Govt have reviewed orders that the objections may be ruled out and that the necessary approval to the site may be given. pp 145 146/X

5. The case may now be circulated to Hon.(P.H.), Hon.(Edn.) and Hon (Home) with reference to the minutes on p1 ante.

Rv.
3-4-47.

3.4.47.

Hon (P.H.) ✓

Hon (Edn.) ✓

Hon (Home)

The present agitation against the order of the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality giving approval to the site T.S. No.168 for erection of a cinema by the Karnataka Theatres Ltd., Mangalore was started by Dr. Miss Lobo who has a maternity clinic and Nursing Home adjacent to the site. Later on other persons have joined her in this agitation. On the application of the Secretary, Karnataka Theatres Ltd. asking for approval of the site the Municipal Health Officer and the Town Planning Officer inspected the place and recommended the site as suitable for the purpose. The Town Planning Committee has considered all the objections ~~alleged~~ urged against the site and given its approval to it on 25/6/1946. An appeal was then made to the Municipal Council by Dr. Miss Lobo and the Council having heard the lawyers of both parties rejected the appeals on 2/9/1946. Representations were then sent to Government here. The matter was considered here in all its aspects and the late H.M., P.H. has passed orders on the matter ruling out the objections. H.M., L.A. has noted his agreement with this order.

There can be no justification for reopening this question now for considering any proposal to acquire the site in question for putting up a hostel for the Government training school students. If Government are prepared to put up a hostel, there is land available for the purpose adjacent to the school building. Several of the South Kanara M.L.A's and the President of the District Congress Committee have personally, as well as by letter, communicated to the ex-Health Minister their opinion in favour of the Government giving approval to the site for the construction of the cinema house. The agitation that is now being carried on is, to say the least, not disinterested. It would be wrong to go back on the decision made by Government after due deliberation

Cinemas have a definite place in modern life. There is no point in saying that they should not be located in residential areas. Several of the other cinema theatres in Mangalore are situated near schools, colleges and churches and nobody has objected to them on this ground. Along with the objection petitions the representation of the Karnataka Theatres Ltd. (pages 111 to 115 of G.O. No.1256 P.H., dated 16/4/1946) may be perused in this connection.

15.5.47

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GOVT. AGENT GAZETTED
9- JUN 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

HM (Edn). This matter was referred to me by the H.P.M. He may first see.

TSA
7.6.47

H.P.M.

Please see the list on file. H.P.

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I have offered my remarks in this matter on the Top file 12/6/47

HM (LA)
HM (Home)
HM (Edn.)
11/6/47 H.P.M.
HM (LA)
I have called for the Top file in this connection
12/6/47 HPM
HM (Edn.)

See order in Revised Top file

G.P.R
27/9

TSA
27.9.47

To the H.P.M.

I had been to the place myself. The site which is being acquired for the cinema is next to the Training School. It is not desirable to have a cinema in front of a Womens' Training School. The Training School also wants grounds for a hostel. It will be eminently useful if the site is acquired for this purpose but that will again be a matter of money. If H.P.M. approves I shall move the department to have this site acquired.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 8 MAY 1947

ISA
1-5-47

H.M. Education.

I want to see the connected file.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 8 MAY 1947 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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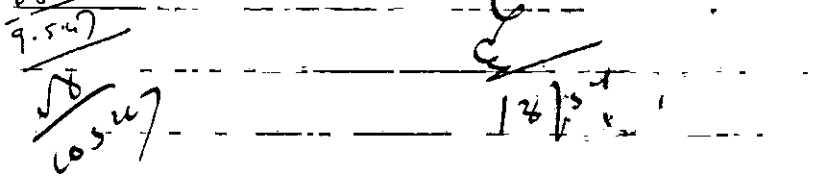
The file regarding the construction of cinema in ~~which the site has been~~ is ~~to be~~ called for by H.M. P.H., H.M. (Edn.)

and HM (Home). The return with
main file may be awaited.



To H.P.M. With Reference to your note:

Please see herewith a representation by the Committee appointed at the Public meeting of the Citizens of Mangalore for collecting contributions for acquiring the plot of ground next to the Womens' Training School. The history of the case is as follows:--

There is a ground of about 1 acre and 40 cents near the Govt. Womens' Secondary Grade Training School in Mangalore. There is a proposal to erect a theatre and a cinema house in that land. The public have been agitating that a cinema house near a womens' Training School is not desirable. Sometime back in the midst of the reshfulling of the Ministry, permission seems to have been given for the building of the cinema. I understand that the Municipality has not yet issued the license. Now the public of Mangalore have contacted me over this matter and I told Mrs. Lobo, who came to see me on this question, that if they contribute roughly about half the cost i.e. about Rs.20,000 the Govt. will consider the desirability of acquiring that land for the use of the Govt. Training School. Now they have come forward to collect Rs.20,000 and pay to the Govt. to meet the expenses of the acquisition of that plot. They are afraid that if the license is issued by the Municipality, the people who want to construct the cinema may enter into contract which will create further difficulties and they will like to have a stay order issued in the matter

Now that the public have also come forward to make a definite contribution of about Rs.20,000 which will be about half the cost, I think it is necessary in the interests of the school itself to acquire that land.

p.t.o.

I shall be glad if you will kindly look into the matter ~~and issue orders staying the license being given for the cinema.~~ as to the result

TSA
11.5.41

H.M. Education.

HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY, MLA,
Minister for Public Health.

Fort St. George,
14th May 1947.

Dear Leader,

I am herewith sending a note about the Karnataka Theatres' site at Mangalore for your information.

Yours sincerely,

ABShetty

The Hon'ble Sri O.P.Ramaswamy Reddiar,
Prime Minister,
Fort St. George.

To the Prime Minister:

I understand that Mrs.Lobo, Rao Bahadur Dr. Keshava Pai and some others are requesting that the Karnataka Theatres' site at Mangalore should be acquired for the purpose of putting up a hostel for the Govt. Training School for Women. I have also received copies of their representations made in this matter objecting to the putting up of a cinema theatre at the above site on several grounds and proposing that the site could be more appropriately used for a hostel building.

This agitation has a long history behind it. When the Karnataka Theatres applied to the municipality for permission to build the theatre, the municipal Health Officer and the Town Planning Officer recommended the suitability of the site. After this the Town Planning Committee met several times, considered all the objections urged against the site, heard the lawyers on either side and gave its approval to the site on 25-6-46. Dr.Miss Lobo appealed to the municipal council against the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee and the orders of the Commissioner. On this, the municipal council heard the lawyers of both parties and rejected the appeal on 2-9-46. The next move was to send representations and objection petitions to the Govt. here. The ex-Minister (P.H.) seems to have considered the matter in all its aspects and passed orders on 25-2-47 and again on 14-3-47 ruling out the objections and agreeing to the approval given regarding the suitability of the site. H.M.(L.A.) also has agreed with H.M.(P.H.) in this matter on 14-3-47. There seems to be no justification for reconsideration of this matter at this stage. If Govt. want to provide a hostel for the Training School, there is land available for this purpose adjacent to the school site on the other side.

Several of the South Kanara M.L.As. and the President of the District Congress Committee have sent letters and also told personally the ex-H.M.(P.H.) that Govt. could give their approval for Karnataka Theatres to put up their cinema buildings on this site. Some of the other cinema theatres in Mangalore are situated near schools and colleges and no objection has been raised against them on this score. This agitation, to say the least, is not disinterested and Govt. should not give encouragement to such agitation and go back on the decision arrived at after due deliberation.

MMS
14·5·47

Govt. Training School for Women, Mangalore. Acquisition of site for hostel.

Secy No 43460-A F2/47

H.P.M. wishes to see the file relating to the acquisition of a site for a hostel for the Government Training School for Women at Bangalore. Please get up the file.

M.V.S./ 14-5-1947.

E+PH. F2

1. p/x The D.P.I addressed the Govt that a site near the Govt Training School in Mangalore which belongs to the Karnataka Theatres Ltd is a suitable place for school hostel and it should be acquired for the construction of hostel and that in the meantime the Dy. Commr., Mangalore may be instructed to hold in abeyance the question of granting permission for the construction of a cinema by the owners of the area under reference.

Appeal p17/⊗ The Govt however in their G.O. No. 12556 P.H. dated 16.12.47 after considering objections against the proposed construction of the cinema, passed orders that objections may be noted and necessary approval to the site for the Cinema building may be given. In view of these orders, the proposal of the D.P.I to acquire the site was not pursued.

11.12.47 p24/x

Again on further representations against the construction of cinema building in the site, the file was reopened, noted on and the file was circulated to HM(PH), HM(Edn) and HM(Home) on 3.5.48. On return of the file ~~may be placed before~~ awaited his file along with his & his file with the Secretariat to HPG

Hon C. 14.5.48

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a note from H.M.(Edn.) on p.1 of his file below at Ps.

The Karnataka Theatres, Mangalore have forwarded a site-plan in which they have marked a Cinema-building thereon. The former has applied under Sec 197 of the D.M. Act for approval of his site for his purpose. There were some objections. The Govt. have given approval of the site. Meanwhile the present representations of the Matter has been received and the file has been circulated to Hm(PH) Hm(Edn) and Hm(Home) Under which the site is to be used for a Cinema theatre, the question of its suitability for other purposes with a view.

15/5/47

Meanwhile (PH) may see this & the papers at (V). Pl. circulate to him & me

Hm(PH)

IM(PH)

IM(PH)

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there is a road separating the training school compound from the compound of the proposed cinema site compound. The exit for the Training school students is on another road some yards away from the cinema site gate. H.M.(P.W.) during his visit to Mangalore has seen the site and expressed that he could see no objection to the location of the cinema theatre at that place. A note stating the facts of the case has been sent to H.P.W. yesterday.

15.5.47

The papers received from H.M.(P.H.) and H.M.(Edn.) are at pp.25-36 n/f. I want the land to be acquired for the Government Training School. Necessary steps may be urgently taken to give effect to this.

Take necessary steps

B.P.R
21/5/47

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDUCATION, EDN. AND RURAL DEPT. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 21 MAY 1947
SECRETARY, EDN. AND RURAL DEPT. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 21 MAY 1947 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The file may be sent to Hon (Pol) & Hon (Fin) and for perusal of H.P.M's minute

22.5.80

MS(Pol)
MS(Fin)

On behalf of the Karnataka Theatres Ltd., Mangalore, Sri B.M. Hegde, B.A.,B.L., Sri B.R. Shetty, B.A.,B.L. and Sri S.R. Naik, B.A.,B.L. interviewed me today and gave a copy of their memorandum submitted to the H.P.M. From the representations that were made by them I understand that a building licence has been

granted to them by the Commissioner. They have had plans and estimates prepared by the Madras architect Sri L.M. Chitale. They have called for tenders and entered into contracts. Building materials have been collected in the site and foundation work is going on. The purchase of the site has cost the company Rs.62,000/-. Orders have been placed for cinema machinery costing over Rs.35,000/-. The local authority and Government here having approved of the site the company has taken all these steps. To propose acquisition of the site for a hostel at this stage will be hardly fair. It would be penalising the company for no fault of theirs. Government should not be weak and vacillating in this way, undoing decisions made by them and encouraging agitations engineered by interested parties. If Government want to put up a hostel, they can acquire other good sites adjacent to the Training School and at cheaper cost. The acquisition of this site would, besides being an act of sheer injustice to the company, cost a considerable sum of money, more than a lakh, and payment of damages to the company.

The construction of a cinema theatre on this plot cannot be considered harmful to the Training School since it is a day school and cinema shows begin daily only after 6 P.M. Nor can it be thought to be a nuisance to the neighbourhood since it is represented that a sound-proof structure is proposed to be put up. Cinema theatres ~~are found~~ in Mangalore and ~~some~~ are being built even now near schools, colleges, hostels and churches. Why only this cinema building should be objected to is not understood. The cinema is recognised to be a means of entertainment and education and it is used as such even by educational authorities.

School boys and girls attend cinema shows in large numbers everywhere. Why it should be looked upon as a contaminating influence and tabooed in the way it is proposed in this case is passing strange. No proper reason can be adduced or justification made for Government to take at this stage the extraordinary step of cancelling the order made by them after several months of consideration and for setting aside the decision of the local authority, viz. the Town Planning Committee and the Municipal Council who are the best judges of the situation.

4-6-47

This file may be circulated to H.M.(L.A.) who has asked for it. H.M.(Home) may see the file after that.

9.6.47

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
9-JUN.1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

E. & P.

Please see the note from P.M. on the ~~(Edn.) should now see the remainder of the~~ H.M.(P.H.) has ordered that the file on my line circulated to H.M.(L.A.) and then to H.M.(Home). It is for orders whether the file may now be circulated to H.M.(L.A.), H.M.(Home) and H.M.(Edn.).

H.P.M.

11.6.47

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H.M.(L.A.)

H.M.(Home)

H.M.(Edn.)

H.P.M.

I am not in a position to appreciate the spirit in which this question about the Karnataka Theatres' site at Bangalore

has been reopened. The position regarding the site and the dispute that has arisen thereon was at first only a contention between the parties ~~that were~~ directly concerned. later on, however, it assumed larger proportions and bred much partisan spirit I think. Anyhow, the matter has been well considered in all its aspects by the Town Planning Committee, the Commissioner of the Mangalore Municipality and the H.M. concerned and it was settled in favour of the Karnataka Theatres Co. There seems to be no good of saying now, after knowing the stages which the matter has passed through, that the site is beautiful and may be taken up by the Government for educational or some allied purpose. The Govt. cannot treat the developments that have already taken place lightly: The Karnataka Theatres Co have got possession of the site, bought materials for erecting a cinema and made several other arrangements for the theatre by investing huge amounts. Our interference at this stage leads not only to legal and other complications but also to misunderstandings. Moreover, there is another adjacent site available cheaply and this can be purchased if ~~any building is constructed~~ any building for the Training School is to be built. When that is the position, I fail to understand why we should be so particular about the site in dispute. Further, we cannot condemn cinemas wholesale. They have become part and parcel of our social recreation systems, ~~and~~ are already of some educational value and with proper direction by the Govt., they can be harnessed to the educational activities of the Govt. to a considerable and effective extent. The question of disturbance to neighbouring institutions does not arise as the cinema shows start only at about 6 p.m. on working days.

In view of the above facts and considerations, I feel that reconsideration of the matter may be dropped here and now. ~~without any further delay.~~

14/6.

(H.M. (L.A.)

If we want to acquire the site for the hostel the Govt would have to pay the cost, which has now gone up, because on the basis of Govt ex-servicemen work programme, additional facilities would be provided which would have cost the parties some amount plus the charges for the architect will also have to be included in the calculation. HD (PH) as HM (LA) have said that it will be unwise to interfere at this stage with which I agree, as the matter stands we can safely drop the matter

PD
17/6/47

HM (LA)
HPWM. H. P. M. may see first

LSA
18-6-47

I agree that we need not interfere at this stage. We can drop it

G.P.H
27/9

HPWM

27 SEP 1947

T.S.A
27-9-47

21 SEP 1947

E&PH

Please see the orders in circulation F2
on pp 17-19 ante. The draft letters is
for approval.

KV
25-9-47

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1.X.47 MM 3/10/47

ASII

3/10/47